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NEW GOVERNOR

Sir Alexander Grantham Stresses Difficulties Ahead Official Address Of Welcome

"Though it is not as a stranger that I come to Hong Kong, I realise full well that the Hong Kong of 1947 is a very different place from the Hong Kong that I left in 1935. There are many more problems, and these problems are much more difficult and much more intricate," said Hong Kong's new Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday.

He was replying to the Address of Welcome, given by Mr. A. Morse and translated into Chinese by Mr. T. N. Chau. After stressing the difficulties that face the people of this Colony, Sir Alexander concluded with the words:—"Let us go forward together to make a shining example of Hong Kong by showing what work and cooperation can achieve."

Long before the time appointed for the arrival of H. E. the Governor and Lady Grantham—at the King's Theatre, crowds packed Queen's Road Central and the adjoining streets, while all available standing space on verandahs of adjacent buildings was packed with spectators.

Inside the Theatre, all seating accommodation was taken up and many late comers had no alternative but to stand.

The first to arrive on the official platform was Sir Robert Kotewall, who was closely followed by Sir Robert Ho Tung.

A highlight of the ceremony at the King's Theatre was the appearance of Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice; Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge); and Mr. Justice Gould (Additional Judge) in their robes of office, together with the Mace.

After the arrival of H. E. the Governor and Lady Grantham, the ceremony opened with the playing of the National Anthem.

Mr. A. Morse delivering the address of welcome, said:—

Address Of Welcome

Addressing Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham, Mr. A. Morse said:—

"Your Excellency and Lady Grantham: On behalf of all the residents of this Colony we have the honour to extend to you and your Excellency and Lady Grantham our cordial welcome."

"The arrival of a new Governor has always been an important event, and the Colony's welcome to a new Governor has traditionally been hearty. But our welcome today to you, Sir, as His Majesty's representative and as the twenty-first Governor of the Colony, and to your gracious Lady, is especially warm and cordial because we feel we are greeting you both, not as strangers to, but as friends of, the Colony."

"We feel that the return to Hong Kong as Governor of a former member of its Civil Service is, though not without precedent, an occasion worthy of record in the history of the Colony. We have followed with pride and satisfaction the progress of your brilliant career since you left our shores, and in welcoming your fresh distinction we rejoice that we are to have as Governor to guide the destinies of the Colony, one who is already well grounded in the fundamental problems of the Colony, and is able to bring to bear upon them and upon the new issues that now confront us, the full weight of the added experience and wisdom gained in high office elsewhere in the Empire and in the wider field of world affairs."

"Many of our old problems are still with us, but the upheaval of war, the tremors of which have not yet subsided, and the new orientation of outlook for Hong Kong, have produced important and urgent issues for the Colony's future. The war has swung the centre of gravity of world affairs to the Pacific, around whose shores are ranged most of the Commonwealth Dominions and the bulk of the English-speaking peoples of the world."

"Your Excellency's experience as Governor and Commander-in-Chief in the Southern Pacific entitles you fully to appreciate the quickening importance of the Pacific hemisphere. In the Western Pacific Hong Kong occupies a strategic position at the crossroads of the Far East; it is the natural focus for commerce and communication; and it is to fulfil its destiny it must develop its natural potentialities and facilities to meet the demands of the future. The unique advantages of its strategic position, its geographical position, and excellent harbour facilities are in danger of being unduly discounted by the absence of adequate and coordinated air-

BREAKERS AHEAD!

London, July 24.
A few hours after the House of Commons had spent an all-night sitting of 20 hours throwing out the House of Lords' controversial amendments to the Government's transport nationalisation bill, the House of Lords tonight again defeated the Government in the committee stage of the Bill to put all electricity undertakings under public ownership.

They carried by 28 votes to 11 a clause, moved by Viscount Stirling, Conservative, setting up an Electricity Appeal Tribunal to approve tariffs and prices after the local electricity undertakings come under State control.

Foreign Shipping Merchants Accused

Shanghai, July 25.
Under the camouflage of Chinese ownership, some influential foreign shipping merchants are attempting to establish a shipping company here, Mr. Li Yung-liang, Secretary-General of the National Federation of Shipping Guilds, told Central News today.

Calling for effective steps to frustrate such an attempt which "is evidently a sheer encroachment on China's shipping rights," Mr. Li said that information is being collected and will be submitted to the Government if necessary.

Meanwhile, the Federation has requested the Government to purchase all foreign-owned steamships plying in inland rivers so as to totally remove the threat to the integrity of China's shipping rights.—Central News.

sincere co-operation of all sections of the community who know full well the profound and far reaching effect that this great experiment will inevitably have on the future of the Colony and are therefore resolved that nothing should preclude its being an unqualified practical success.

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CHINESE COMMUNITY DISAPPOINTED

Disappointment over the number of seats the Chinese community are going to be allotted in Hong Kong's future Municipal Council and dissatisfaction over the differences in the qualifications of Chinese and non-Chinese voters were expressed by two leading Chinese and by the vernacular press yesterday.

Mr. Tung Chung-wai told the press that the Chinese were greatly disappointed to learn that the authorities decide that Chinese, who constitute the majority in Hong Kong, were to have only half the seats on the Council.

He said that if the authorities understand the allocation of only one seat to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce whereas the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce was to have two seats. He said that the Chinese Chamber would discuss the subject at its next regular meeting.

He said that if the authorities persisted in allowing the Chamber only one seat, the entire Chinese business community would be dissatisfied.

An official of the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Association said the Association was greatly disappointed by the fact that the authorities did not regard the Association sufficiently important to grant it a seat on the Council.

The Kang Sheng Yat Pao pointed out that although Chinese constitute 98 per cent, they are to be given the same number of seats as the Council as non-Chinese who constitute

Arrives In Heavy Downpour

Under an overcast sky and in a heavy drizzle, which started in the morning, Sir Alexander Grantham, Hong Kong's new Governor, accompanied by Lady Grantham, landed at Kai Tak yesterday shortly after 3 p.m. from a B.O.A.C. plane.

A B.O.A.C. motor boat brought His Excellency to the landing where at the steps he was met by the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, Officer Administering the Government, who was accompanied by Mr. A. J. Moss, director of Air Services.

Dressed in a gray suit and carrying his top hat, Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were then conducted to the air terminal where they were introduced to members of the Legislative and Executive Councils, Heads of the three Services and members of the Civil Service.

At the conclusion of this brief ceremony the gathering went to the Dairy Farm Lounge for tea. After a short rest and a change, His Excellency and Lady Grantham, accompanied by Mr. J. Jolly, the Harbour Master, crossed the harbour to Queen's Pier.

Besides the Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall and Mr. Moss, others present at the terminal were:

At Kai Tak
Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, Commodore E. H. Everest, Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine, G.O.C., Air Commodore S. N. Webster, H.M.S. Flycatcher, Hon. Mr. A. Morse, The Hon. Mr. C. S. Follows, The Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, The Hon. D. F. Landale, The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. T. Megarry, Mr. J. Jolly, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, and Mr. A. Todd.

Sharp at 3.45 p.m. the launch bringing Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham across the harbour put in at Queen's Pier which was gaily belaguered and carpeted for the occasion.

His Excellency and Lady Grantham, accompanied by Capt. Wilson, inspected the Guard of Honour, drawn up in front of the pier, made up of contingents from the three Services.

Following the inspection Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were introduced to those who had gathered at the pier to welcome them, by Mr. D. M. MacDougall.

Despite the steady drizzle a crowd of spectators was outside the pier, and a strong body of Police were on duty to keep status quo clear of traffic.

Present At Pier
The following were present at Queen's Pier:

Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Hon. Mr. C. S. Follows, C.M.G., and Mrs. Follows, Hon. Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. J. B. Griffin, K.C., and Mrs. Griffin, Hon. Mr. T. Megarry, Hon. Mr. Dr. I. Newton, Hon. Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E., and Mrs. Morse, Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., and Mrs. Chau, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., and Mrs. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Hon. Mr. D. Gillespie, Hon. Mr. M. W. Watson, Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, and Mrs. Chau, His Honour Sir Henry Blackall and Lady Blackall, His Honour Mr. E. H. Williams and Mrs. Williams, His Honour Mr. T. J. Gould and Mrs. Gould, His Excellency Major-General G. W. E. J. Erskine, C.B., D.S.O., and A.D.C., His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, K.B.E., D.S.C., and Lady Boyd and Flag Lieutenant, Commodore D. H. Everett, C.B.E., D.S.O., and Flag Lieutenant, Air Commodore S. N. Webster, G.B.E., A.T.C., and Personal Assistant, Sir Shouwen Kwok, Kt., Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., L.L.D., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., L.L.D., and Mrs. Ho, Mr. J. H. Buttice, C.B.E., and Mrs. Buttice, Mr. D. J. Sloan, C.B.E., Mr. A. J. Arroll, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wong Tape, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Shing Kwan, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Rodriguez, Mr. W. F. Simmonds, Dr. S. W. Tso, C.B.E., and Mrs. Tso, Dr. and Mrs. Li Tse Fong, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom Tong, C.B.E., Mr. Tang Chung Wal, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Chan, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yu Ching, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Tso, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Mr. Li Fo Kwai, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Chum, Mr. Tam Woon Tong, Mr. C. J. Hsu, Mr. Ko Cheuk Hung, Mr. Chung King Pui, Mr. Tang Pak Kau, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kwok, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hopper, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Gastmann, M. and Mme. R. Jabez, Mr. R. Guillaume, Mr. E. Ulstrup, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brazzo, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Xavier, Mr. and Mrs. Faustino A. Xavier, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Botelho, Mr. E. Huttmeier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blaker, Mr. F. B. T. Middleton, Mr. H. A. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hazzard, Right Reverend R. O. Hall, M.C., Right Reverend N. V. Halward, M.C., Rev. Father A. Rignall, Rev. Hedy Bunton, Mr. J. Barrow, O.B.E., and Mrs. Barrow, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. Owen, Hughes, Commander, R. J. Vernall, O.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. T. R. R. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Himsforth, Mr. I. B. Trevor, M.C., Mr. D. W. Macintosh, O.B.E., and Mrs. Macintosh, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. R. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Heywood, Jr., J. P. Fehly, O.B.E., and Mrs. Fehly, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. C. Herklotz, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hirst, Mr. W. J. Anderson, O.B.E., and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. E. W. Pudney, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. de Barros Botelho, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Andrews, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., Mr. J. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King, Mr. and Mrs. K. Keen, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, O.B.E., Mr. W. H. Sturrock, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almeida, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mr. E. D. Bejana and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kite.

The Dutch Consulate staff poured water on the rioters from windows. The crowd shouted: "We want peace, not banishments." Special police squads were rushed to the spot and the disturbance was finally quelled after many arrests were made.

The demonstration was organised by the Sydney University Labour Club, after the ban was decided on by the Federal Executive of the Australian Workers' Federation, on the leading of A. J. Dutch ships in Australian ports.

An Indonesian Republican communiqué today said that fighting was still continuing south west of Cheribon, and that there was resistance around Sumedang and Sukabumi in West Java.

Later, a Dutch army communiqué confirmed the fall of Purwakarta, and the port of Pandanaran, both in West Java, to Dutch forces.—Reuter.

FOREIGN TRADERS WELCOME

Nanking, July 25.
The National Economic Council ruled that the Chinese Government shall not adopt any regulations or taxation system in the future that may be considered discriminatory against foreign interests or merchants in this country, semi-official sources said today.

Foreign businessmen operating in China will be treated on an equal basis with the Chinese and will not be required to pay any taxes which the Chinese businessmen do not pay.

Furthermore the Council decided that foreign investments in China's industries, except those concerning national defence or of a monopolistic nature, would be "welcome."

The Council approved the food production programme submitted by Minister of Agriculture.

Wedemeyer Pressure On Nanking?

Nanking, July 24.
Drastic, new, democratic reforms in Chiang Kai-shek's Government may be carried out in the near future, a reliable source close to the Wedemeyer mission told the United Press today.

The source revealed that the Americans in Nanking have been putting pressure on the Generalissimo to "clean out" the Government if he expects to get any new substantial United States backing.

Observers believe that action toward a more liberal democratic administration must be taken while Gen. Wedemeyer is here or definite assurances given if Chiang is to receive the help America is willing to extend under the proper circumstances.

The source close to the Wedemeyer mission made the following points:—

1. Chiang is an honest and sincere man who is trying to do what he thinks best for China but he possesses faults many leaders have which made a compromise difficult.

2. Chiang's failure to compromise through the good offices of Gen. Marshall and Ambassador Stuart put him on the spot with the American people, despite the fact that Chiang is not entirely to blame for the failure of talks with the Communists.

3. Chiang must institute speedy reforms if the United States government is to have

CHINA TRADE DEFICIT NARROWED

Nanking, July 25.
Finance Minister O. K. Yui told members of the Resident Committee of the People's Political Council at a meeting today that China's foreign trade deficits have been narrowed down considerably since 1947 following the enforcement of the Government policy to restrict imports and to develop exports.

This particular Government policy achieved some success in narrowing the large trade deficits experienced last year, the Finance Minister claimed. He added that the success of the Government policy would undoubtedly help China's financial and economic situation.

Supporting his claim, Mr. Yui said that China's imports for 1946 totalled CN\$1,501,100,000,000 while her exports for the same period amounted to CN\$412,100,000,000. With her exports amounting to only one-fourth of the total imports, the Minister said, China thus sustained a trade deficit of 89 billion.

The Chinese Government promulgated the revised temporary measures for imports and exports in November last year, and later adopted restrictive import measures with stricter control by the Chinese Maritime Customs. Mr. Yui recalled, since then, he declared, the all-China Customs statistics have showed a gradual and steady improvement since the beginning of the year. The total exports for January, February and March amounted to one-third of the aggregated imports for the same period, while in April the value of exports was two-fifths of that for imports. In May, the total exports equalled four-fifths the imports.

On the whole, he continued, China's exports for the five months between January and May equalled half the total imports for the same period, though the trade deficit for these five months still amounted to 983 billion Chinese dollars.

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The Weather

An anticyclone is stationary to the N. of the Bonin. Pressure is moderately high over the R. Indies and over the Sea of Japan. It is low over China generally. There appears to be a weak depression about 60 miles E. of N. Luzon.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate S. or variable winds; cloudy with periods of rain; improving slightly during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum 81.4 deg. F. Minimum 75.1 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.1 inch. Total Rainfall: 1.5 inch. Sea: 1-4 knots. An average of 12.6 deg. F.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at sea: 1005.1 1004.5 m.h. Equal to: 29.85 29.80 inches. Rel. Humidity: 72 75 Dew Point: 77 75 deg. F. Wind Direction: SE ESE Wind Force: 8 knots.

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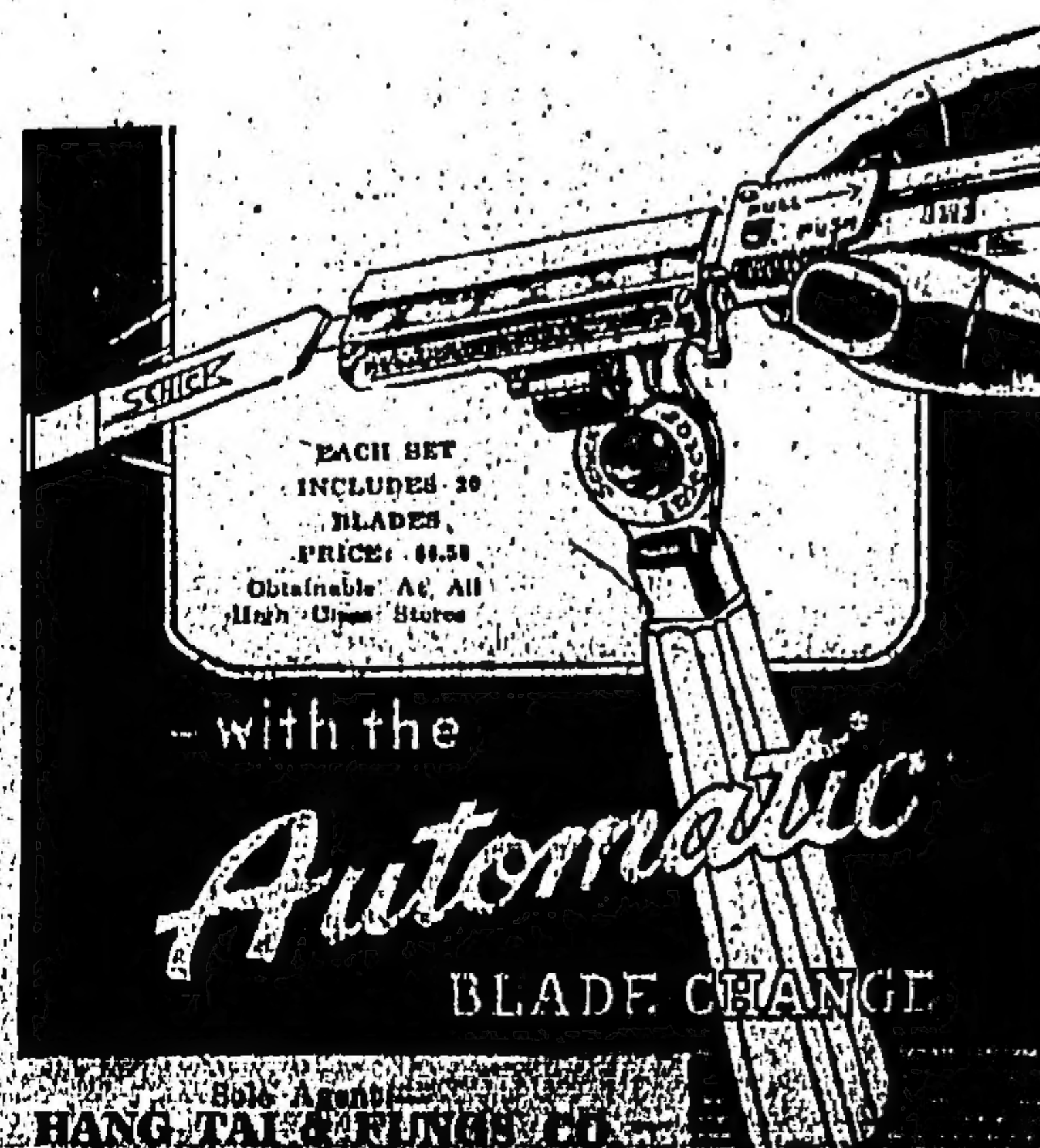
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Coming Events

July 28—Hong Kong Football Association Annual General meeting, noon.
July 28—KRA Meeting, St. Andrews Church Hall, 8 p.m.
Subject: "Home-Building."
August 2—Douglas SS. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.
August 7—HK & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.
August 7—Inaugural meeting of the H.K. Council of Women, YWCA, Duddell St., 8.15 p.m.
August 12—HK & S'hai Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel departures on Thursday included Sir Lawrence Common, Miss J.A. Common, H.G. Matheron, J. Forbes, J. Gassell, Major G.H. Henderson, D.M. Gallaher, C. Fletcher, R.P. Collins, Mrs. S. Klein, L. Moore, J.B.P. Byrne, J.L. Campbell, Wm. T. Wilson, Miss M. Brady, Miss Pearce, J.Q. Dickson.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included S. Hansen, Th. Tofte Petersen, Durand Châtel, A. Meizer, R.B. Landis, T. Chesbrough, S.E. Faithful, Mr. and Mrs. Aiken-Quack, F.E. Schmitt, Miss Chao Shen, Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Coughran, Mrs. M. and Miss M. Clemann, A.G. Jones, A. Lowe, Miss A. Link, Miss E. Confer, Miss D. English.

Dom J. Villa Franco, the popular lawyer and erstwhile Portugal's tennis champion, who has been acting as Judge until the arrival of Dr. J. Farla Martins, has now been appointed the Librarian of the Meneo Public Library in succession to Dr. Manuel Guodes de Andrade.

The following were passengers by Cathay Pacific Airways:—
From Manila:—Miss Ann Confer, Miss Abigail E. Ling, Miss Doris Arline English, Gaw Choon, Mok Kut and Chao Hai.
For Bangkok:—C.S. Chen, K.S. Chen, Teng Kwei Lang, Ngan Hon Lang, Chia Chih Sun, Chia Lung Chik, Mrs. Kio Ealk, Mrs. Youkin Tung Shong and Kwa Choon Lim.

For Singapore:—Lim Seow Ling, Chan Kim San, J. Kims, Mrs. Tsai Kun Hui, Miss Tsai Tee Ling, Miss Tsai Tee Chui, and Miss Tsai Tee Hui.

Problem Of French India

Paris, July 24.
"French-India must preserve its own individuality, with an autonomous territorial government within the French Union," M. Lambert Saravane, the Deputy for French-India in the French National Assembly told Harold King, Reuters chief correspondent in Paris today, on his return from a prolonged visit to his native country.

"As far as French-India is concerned, the problem must not be considered in terms of a conflict between France and India, but rather as a question of an adjustment of the political and administrative organisation in harmony with the aspirations of the population of French-India and with the political evolution of India in general," he said.
"The Indian Congress leaders are not hostile to the presence of France in the five establishments; provided this does not form any obstacle to the activity of the Government of India on the national and international plane," he added.—Reuter.

Siam Rice Purchases

Bangkok, July 24.
The large scale purchasing of rice for relief by the Chinese in Siam has already affected the rice price all over Siam and the suspension of export of rice to China for relief purposes is being contemplated by the Siam Government, Premier Luang Phumgong said in an interview with the Siam press yesterday. The Premier indicated that the Siam Government might soon stop the monthly export of rice directed to China for relief purposes. The Siam Government, he declared, had received protests from abroad against granting China this special favour.
Special export of rice to China, the Premier said, had been anything but beneficial to Siam. Chinese businessmen bought the rice for the relief purpose at a price lower than the price paid by the Siam Government, and the proceeds from the sale of the rice were used for the relief of the Chinese in Siam.

ACCUSED'S FINGER PRINTS "FOUND ON CASH-BOX"

Maximum Penalty For Gunman

The maximum penalty of three years' hard labour was passed by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr on Ng Kwok-wa, 27, at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of a revolver and 14 rounds of ammunition at 33 Bute Street, second floor, on July 9.

According to DSI D.S. Roberts, Ng was a thoroughly bad egg. He was a well-known bad character, a self-confessed member of a triad society, and an associate of armed robbers who, until the present slip, managed to evade the clutches of the Police.

The arrest of Ng, said DSI Roberts, was the result of information supplied by one of four armed robbers apprehended by DIS Mak Shing-fai on July 7. In consequence of this tip-off, Detectives Mak, Wong Muk-lin and himself went to 1028 Canton Road, at 11.30 p.m. on July 9.

Defendant, who was on the premises, denied possessing any revolver, and a search of the place proved fruitless. Brought back to the Police Station for questioning, accused admitted knowledge of the whereabouts of a revolver, saying "There is a gun at 33 Bute Street, third floor. It belonged to Yim Shing who was banished."

At the last address, accused brought the Police party to an empty cubicle near the verandah and pointed to a spot underneath a wooden bed. There, a newspaper parcel containing a fully loaded revolver, and another parcel containing eight rounds of ammunition, were found.

In a cautioned statement, went on DSI Roberts, Ng said, "I have been looking after this gun since Yim Shing was banished." Defendant further admitted being a member of the Woo Yee Hing Triad Society which uses the 33 Bute Street address as its meeting place.

Yim Shing, added DSI Roberts, was arrested by DIS Mak Shing-fai on May 20 for possession of a dagger, was convicted, and expelled.

GUNMEN NABBED

On Thursday, July 24, at about 9.30 p.m., Sub-inspector B.T.S. Ross in a radio patrol car observed a private car containing two persons behaving suspiciously and stopped it in Lee Yuen Street.
Four Chinese jumped out. Three escaped and one was caught in possession of a revolver. Another loaded revolver was found in the car and a hand grenade was discarded in flight and recovered.
The driver of the car was also arrested. He had hired it for two hours.

ST. ANDREW'S DONATIONS

The following donations to St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Restoration Fund received since publication of the last list, are gratefully acknowledged:—
Anonymous \$20, Mr. L. A. French \$10, Mr. P. C. Kwok \$50, Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Robinson \$50, Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. \$1,000, The Perry Family \$50, Mrs. Thomas White (in memory of my husband) \$30, Mr. H. T. Chang \$500 (earmarked for Hymn and Prayer Books), Diocesan Girls' School \$500, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire \$1,500, Mrs. T. C. Jee \$20. Total to date \$16,704.40. (Target \$160,000).

Kowloon Telegram Service

Businessmen in Kowloon and ship and air passengers in transit will be able to send telegrams abroad from the mainland beginning on Monday, the "China Mail" was officially informed by the local office of Cable and Wireless, Limited.

At present wireless and cable messages are accepted only at the company's main office on the island.

On Monday, a sub-office will be opened in the hall of Peninsula Hotel for the reception of telegrams to all parts of the world. Depositors who wish to take advantage of this new facility on the mainland may do so on application to the branch accountant at the main office on the ground floor of the Union Building, opposite the General Post Office.
Cable and Wireless told the "China Mail" yesterday that the opening of a sub-office in Kowloon was long in the making. The company had been unable to obtain a licence from the Government for the purpose.

Enlarged photographic copies of three finger prints on a cash-box belonging to Li Kan-tai, and found outside her cubicle after the double crime, revealed that two of the impressions were identical in sequence of characteristics with those of accused's right and left ring fingers, declared S/I Morrison of the Finger-prints and Photographic Bureau yesterday.

S/I Morrison was testifying in the case against Yuen Chu, 26-year-old travelling trader, who was arraigned before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr for magisterial examination on the charge of murder of Lo Yuk, 70, and the attempted murder of Li Kan-tai, married woman, at 15 Shek Kip Mei Street, second floor, at 4 a.m. on June 2.

Called to the scene of the crime at about 9 a.m. on June 2, said S/I Morrison, he proceeded to take photographs of the position of the dead body and of the "teng" in general. On examining the "teng" for fingerprints, he declared, he came across a cash-box lying outside the front cubicle (occupied by Li).

Careful examination of the cash-box revealed the presence of three finger prints which he photographed, enlarged, and docketed for future reference. A month later, he fingerprinted Yuen Chu and, on comparing the prints with those found on the cash-box, found that one of them was identical in sequence of characteristics to the right ring finger of accused. Another print was found to be identical with that of accused's left hand ring finger.

Enlarged photographic copies of both sets of prints, continued witness, showed that there were 16 characteristics in each finger which tallied with those of the impressions on the box.

After DSI D.S. Roberts had testified to finding the lock of both the grille and the door in good order, Li Kan-tai entered the box.

In her evidence, Li stated that she had been deceased's concubine for the past 23 years and lived with him, and their daughter Lo Man-chun, at the present address since 1942. Her husband was carrying on the business of chemical fertilizer manufacturer on the premises, she said.

They first became acquainted with accused in or about June last year when he began to buy fertilizer from her husband, on a cash basis. On March 12 last, continued witness, Yuen asked her husband to supply him with a ton of fertilizer on credit; with the bill payable after he had sold the goods at Shek Lung. This was agreeable to deceased.

Seized By Customs

On March 26, Yuen returned to the house and told her husband and herself that the CN\$2,100,000 he was bringing from Shek Lung to Hong Kong had been seized by the Chinese Maritime Customs, that he was, therefore, unable to settle the account.

Nothing further happened until May 25, declared Li, when defendant again called at the house and asked Lo Yuk for two tons of fertilizer on credit. Deceased agreed to supply the goods on the understanding that witness was to accompany Yuen to Shek Lung and collect the money. She was to pay to accused whatever he might be able to make on the goods.

Accused and she left for Shek Lung by train with the goods on May 27 but were unable to sell the fertilizer owing to a drop in price. She left the goods with the Chau Kai Sing shop with instructions

that when they were sold they should notify her by letter, and she would return to collect the money.

Two days later, went on witness, accused arrived at the house and told her husband and herself that the goods had been sold and asked her to go out and collect the money. When they arrived at Shek Lung on May 31 she found that the fertilizer had been sold for only HK\$700 and CN\$100,000, instead of HK\$1,800. She cashed a bank order for the former amount, and bought about HK\$40 worth of cloth at Shek Lung. The Chinese currency was used for the purchase of two railway tickets, and the HK\$680 she brought back to Hong Kong.

On arrival at the house, continued witness, she and accused explained to deceased about the difference in the collection. Yuen Chu offered to make good the loss but her husband said, "Never mind." She handed \$100 to deceased, while she kept the balance.

Awakened By Blow

After corroborating Li Ying's evidence respecting their asking accused out to supper, witness went on to say that she went to bed at about 11 p.m. and put the money under the mat on her bed. She was awakened at about 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. by a blow on the head with a sharp instrument. When she lifted her left arm to defend herself, said witness, she received a cut on the wrist. More blows were rained on her.

Despite all the cuts she received, asserted witness, she remained conscious, and lifted her head to see what happened when the assailant desisted. She saw accused opening a black trunk in her room and groping for something. She called out, "Ah Chu, why did you do this to me?" The defendant then ran away, said Li, and she went out to the verandah and on to the roof. The first time she learnt of her husband having been attacked was when she returned to the roof in response to Li Ying's calls.

Lam Shu-shek, interpreter, declared that when charged with murder, accused said: "If this matter was done by me I should certainly say so. Because it was not done by me I cannot say anything." In reply to the charge of attempted murder, he stated: "On May 31 I went to Shek Lung and collected CN\$400,000 and bought Hong Kong banknotes. On the morning of June 1 I boarded the train at Tsimtsatsui for Shek Lung. When he was murdered I do not know."

At this stage, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Naval Cadet Age-Limit

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided to raise the present age limits of 17 to 18 years for candidates competing for Naval Cadetship (Special Entry) in the Executive, Engineering, Supply and Secretariat Branches by four months to 17 years 4 months minimum, and 18 years 4 months maximum. This change will come into operation with the examination to be held in September 1947, and those successful will join for training in January 1948. Candidates for this examination must be within the new age limits on 1st January, 1948 (i.e. must have been born on or between 24th September 1929 and 1st September 1930).

Candidates competing at subsequent December and June examinations must similarly be within the new age limits on the 1st January in the year in which the examination is held. Regulations governing the examination will be published in the "London Gazette" and in the "Naval Cadet" magazine.

Atomic Secrets Theft

Santa Fe July 24.
The Federal Grand Jury today indicted Ernest Wallis and Alexander von der Luft, two former Army sergeants accused of taking secret documents from the Los Alamos (new Mexico) atomic project.

The jury charged the pair with stealing the personal property of the United States in one count. In the second count, the men were charged with removing and concealing public records which had been deposited at Los Alamos.

Investigation of the jury, which received its instructions from the Federal District Judge, Alfred P. Murrah of Oklahoma City, was confined to matters presented by the United States Attorney, Everett Grant-ham.

Judge Murrah twice referred to the oath of secrecy taken by the jurors in giving them instructions.

The Government sub-poenaed three witnesses for the session: Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, director of the Los Alamos Laboratories, Frederick de Hoffman, also of Los Alamos, and Dr. Julian Mack, University of Wisconsin physicist, formerly of Los Alamos.—United Press.



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Ten Years For Demanding Money With Menaces

Hawker's Bribery Attempt

Charged with obstruction and offering a bribe of \$2 to a police constable with a view to influencing his conduct, Li Wing Pun, 20, hawker, was sentenced to three months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

For the prosecution, Inspector Brownrigg told the Court that on July 24, defendant was arrested by P.C. 2556 for hawking and on the way to the station offered \$2 to the constable for his release.

Defendant stated that in giving the \$2 he thought it was bail money for his release.

Inspector Brownrigg requested the Court to issue a stern warning to the accused and to the public that this is regarded as a very serious offence, especially when the police are working under heavy responsibility. That type of crime placed additional responsibility on the police.

His Worship remarked: "I am taking a very serious view of this case. Bribery of this sort must cease and I must commend the constable concerned."

Exhibition Of Art

An art exhibition by Prof. Fu Le-he, of the Sun Yat-sen University, Canton, is being held at the Cosmo Club, Central, from July 25th to the 27th, opening at 2 p.m. every day.

The artist, while studying and teaching successively in Italy, some ten years ago was known to the Italians as a psychic painter, or painter of the soul, being rewarded with prizes and honours by the Royal Family in Rome.

His works then were mainly after the tradition of the best masters in the West.

Since his return to his native country, however, he has employed to much greater extent the means and mode of the old Chinese school, with the result that he has demonstrated in his recent works a new, impressionistic touch, which is both alluring and inspiring.

His themes are chiefly taken from scenes of daily life, especially that of the poor and hard-working people. As a consequence, his works are full of human interest.

Prof. Fu is ready to receive at the exhibition any enthusiast of art and to do some quick portraiture for him (or her) on request.

Reappearing after 24 hours remand, Ho Kan Chung, 40, charged with being a mendicant, was found over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

Ho Ki-chung, younger brother of defendant, appeared in Court and told His Worship that he had given his brother every opportunity to make a man of himself.

He had given him a job in his factory at a daily pay of \$5 with food but he preferred not to work. He was still prepared to assist him.

Mr. d'Almada—"You have done enough for him and you must not help him any more. It is for him to look after himself."

Chan said that he had only received letters for Tang and had no idea that he would be involved in any trouble.

Chan declared that he was a member of the A.R.P. during the war. On Feb. 6 last, he received a remittance of \$2,000 from his father-in-law through the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. He used the money in buying iron from the Japanese War Memorial.

Chan insisted that he had been wrongly accused.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Clifford, Chan denied that he himself was Tang. He said that he did not know where Tang lived.

After the jury had returned the verdict and before sentence was passed, Chan, in a plea for mitigation, said that it was quite true that he knew nothing about the blackmail letters. He asked Mr. Justice Gould to make further enquiries into the case. Chan maintained that all he knew about the matter was that a friendly letter was written to Sun Ma by Tang Kwan.

BEGGAR IS BOGGED OVER

Chan said that a letter was written by Tang Kwan to Sun Ma in friendly terms and did not contain any threat at all.

According to Chan, he met Tang Kwan in Shanghai Street in May or June last. In the course of their conversation, he told Tang Kwan that he was staying at the Kwong Tai Timber Yard, Kowloon City. Later, Tang paid him a visit.

Interest In Acting

Tang took a great interest in Chinese acting. He mentioned the actor Tang Ming Cheung (Sun Ma) and said that he was a very successful actor. Tang also said that Sun Ma was his clansman. He further said that Sun Ma was very bad tempered and not very popular with members of his troupe. Tang mentioned that Sun Ma had taken part in performances in Shanghai and added that his lady partner there had laid a complaint against him to the Association in Canton.

Tang said it would be very bad if Sun Ma were boycotted and expressed a wish to write a letter to Sun Ma to warn him about the position. Chan said he was asked to write the letter, but refused to do so. At that moment, Lau Chuen came in and it was suggested that he write the letter. Lau Chuen not only wrote the letter, but also agreed to deliver it.

Chan said that as Tang gave no permanent address, he consented to accept any reply on Tang's behalf.

When Tang next visited him, he handed over to him a reply which had been received.

Asked For Loan

Chan claimed that sometime afterwards, Tang visited him and asked for a loan of some hundreds of dollars. When he refused the request, Tang said that he would write to his clansman, Sun Ma. The letter was written and Lau Chuen took it away.

Price Control Cases

When Wong Kong of the Wing Kee grocery, 214 Queen's Road East, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday summoned for selling a tin of butter for \$4, and it was stated by Mr. Pitman of S.T. & I. that the control price was \$2.20, he was fined \$250.

Other summons dealt with were:

- Leung Fook Sheung of Queen's Dispensary, 22 Des Voeux Road Central, cautioned for overcharging 30 cents on a tin of Mennen talcum powder.
- Ho Lee Po of Lee Sang Co, 185 Des Voeux Road Central, fined \$50 for overcharging 50 cents for a bottle of Yardley's hair oil.
- Ma Sheung of Hop Shing Kee Restaurant, fined \$50 for overcharging 15 cents on a bottle of Red Lion beer.
- Luk Hon of Wing Lee Store, 75 Queen's Road Central, fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents on a packet of Kingsford starch.
- Cheung Yat Hung of Yat Hing Bakery Shop, 441 Hennessy Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 30 cents on a packet of Kingsford starch.
- Chan Kar Sun of Ying Ah Electric Co, 145 Bonham Street West, fined \$50 for overcharging 30 cents on an 100-w electric bulb.
- Mabel Ching of China Products Co, 90 Queen's Road West, fined \$150 for overcharging 30 cents on a pound of fresh butter.
- Ng Way Yuen of Chung Hing, 462 Hennessy Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents on a cake of Protex soap.
- Mak Wai Ching of Ling Kee Stall, 61-63 Queen's Road Central, fined \$100 for overcharging .85 cents on a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap.
- Fok Hing of Kwan Kee, 97 Queen's Road Central, fined \$75 for overcharging 20 cents on a 1/4 lb. tin of Milo.
- Ho Shu Ha of Ye Ha Co, 459 King's Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 20 cents on a tin of cocoa.
- Chan Ching Yuen of Mei Wo Store, 8 Shepherd Street, fined \$45 for overcharging 10 cents on a packet of Kingsford corn starch.

POP



Found guilty by a six to one majority on three counts of demanding money with menaces, Chan Lup-chung was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, at the Supreme Court, to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

As Chan was led from the Dock, he began to sob loudly, at the same time crying out that he had been wrongly accused.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, assisted by Inspector Willerton, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

The accused was charged with (a) Demanding, on or about May 31, 1947, the sum of \$10,000 from Cheung Man with menaces; (b) Demanding, on or about May 31, 1947, the sum of \$10,000 from Chiu Tsun-ki with menaces and (c) Demanding, on or about June 1, 1947, the sum of \$5,000 from Sun Ma Se-tung with menaces.

Testifying on his own behalf, Chan said that he knew nothing at all about the threatening letters and denied the charges.

Chan claimed that certain types of Chinese writing were similar to one another. He said that even human faces were sometimes alike and suggested that the jury should apply the same principles to the similarity of the characters in the threatening letters and the specimen of writing he had given the Police.

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Gloucester Lounge Open Again

After having been closed for approximately six weeks for extensive alterations and redecoration, the Gloucester Lounge is once again open to the public under the ownership and management of the Dairy Farm Company.

It is patent that the new owners have given a lot of thought to the internal rearrangement with a view to speeding up service and doing everything possible to add to the patrons' comfort. A beautiful new Cocktail Bar with all latest appliances has been installed conveniently in the left hand corner of the Lounge and a modern and artistically designed Soda Fountain Unit is recessed adjacent to the newly enlarged up-to-date kitchen.

The decorative scheme has been tastefully carried out by the application of beautiful Chinese silk panels of variegated pastel colours, combined with a sculptural motif depicting flowering peonies. Concealed amber lights plus a profuse display of palms and gladioli have created an atmosphere for perfect relaxation and enjoyment.

The unusually attractive menu contains a host of delicious viands to tempt the most discriminating palate, while the Dairy Farm intends to make a very special feature of its Cocktail Service by concentrating on the best brands of liquor obtainable coupled with the most delectable savouries and hors d'oeuvres. Dairy Farm entering needs no introduction and the reputation so deservedly earned is resulting in an increased demand for this Service in Clubs and private parties in the home or elsewhere.

The Dairy Farm are to be complimented on the excellent effort of the Gloucester Lounge and which should enjoy the same degree of popularity as the other similar enterprises operated by this progressive Company.

Didn't Know Anything About It

Chan Shu, 25, unemployed, Tsang Chung and Yuen Lam, were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with committing a public mischief by obtaining a licence to drive a motor vehicle to which they were not entitled, and were discharged with a caution on the prosecution not pressing the charge.

The prosecuting officer informed the Court that Chan had paid \$400 for his licence. The money was lost and Chan himself now in trouble, and he would leave the matter in His Worship's hands.

Regarding the other two accused, the officer said they were respectable people and it appeared that they did not know anything about the forged licence.

Kwok Ming Tak, the officer said, the real culprit, was not in custody.

Naval Movements

HMS "Hobart", cruiser, which arrived last week, sails for Japan yesterday morning. HMS "Gambier", cruiser, is expected to leave for Yokohama next Thursday.

HMS "Opossum", escort vessel, which has been in floating dock, yesterday moved out and is now alongside "Concord" on the South Wall of the dockyard. Her visit is due to be completed by August 12th and she will be sailing for Shanghai about a fortnight later.

HMS "Hart", escort vessel, which took off the women and children from the ill-fated "Hong Kong" and suffered slight damage in her attempts to come alongside the wrecked ship, is now in the floating dock.

HMS "Concord", destroyer, undergoing a self-refit, is scheduled to sail for Japan about August 12th.

CATHEDRAL DONATIONS

The following is a list of donations to St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund received up to July 24, which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

- Mr. G. S. Coxhead \$100, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wosper in memory of the late Mr. Norman Ralston \$25, E. Ott and Co. Ltd., \$2,000, Frank Groves \$100, Marguerite Webster \$50, Restoration Box \$1. Total \$22,276.
- Received up to July 17 and already acknowledged \$116,797.
- Total donations up to July 24 \$119,073.

POLICEMAN CHARGED

Sergeant Thomas Henry Gorman of the Royal Naval Dockyard police was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with common assault and was remanded for a week.

Defendant was alleged to have assaulted Sergeant R. L. Pereira at 3.15 p.m. on June 10 while on duty.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber will appear for the prosecution.

Price Control Cases

When Wong Kong of the Wing Kee grocery, 214 Queen's Road East, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday summoned for selling a tin of butter for \$4, and it was stated by Mr. Pitman of S.T. & I. that the control price was \$2.20, he was fined \$250.

Other summons dealt with were:

- Leung Fook Sheung of Queen's Dispensary, 22 Des Voeux Road Central, cautioned for overcharging 30 cents on a tin of Mennen talcum powder.
- Ho Lee Po of Lee Sang Co, 185 Des Voeux Road Central, fined \$50 for overcharging 50 cents for a bottle of Yardley's hair oil.
- Ma Sheung of Hop Shing Kee Restaurant, fined \$50 for overcharging 15 cents on a bottle of Red Lion beer.
- Luk Hon of Wing Lee Store, 75 Queen's Road Central, fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents on a packet of Kingsford starch.
- Cheung Yat Hung of Yat Hing Bakery Shop, 441 Hennessy Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 30 cents on a packet of Kingsford starch.
- Chan Kar Sun of Ying Ah Electric Co, 145 Bonham Street West, fined \$50 for overcharging 30 cents on an 100-w electric bulb.
- Mabel Ching of China Products Co, 90 Queen's Road West, fined \$150 for overcharging 30 cents on a pound of fresh butter.
- Ng Way Yuen of Chung Hing, 462 Hennessy Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents on a cake of Protex soap.
- Mak Wai Ching of Ling Kee Stall, 61-63 Queen's Road Central, fined \$100 for overcharging .85 cents on a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap.
- Fok Hing of Kwan Kee, 97 Queen's Road Central, fined \$75 for overcharging 20 cents on a 1/4 lb. tin of Milo.
- Ho Shu Ha of Ye Ha Co, 459 King's Road, fined \$100 for overcharging 20 cents on a tin of cocoa.
- Chan Ching Yuen of Mei Wo Store, 8 Shepherd Street, fined \$45 for overcharging 10 cents on a packet of Kingsford corn starch.

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Messrs. Lamert Brothers
of Pedder Building, Hong Kong,
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at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the
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Pressure, Tubes Composition,
Trolley Electric Starting, Discs,
Caps Filler, Cleaners Wick,
Sprockets Flame, Frames Pet,
Blocks Spring, Stretchers,
Stands M. T. Engine, Changes
Tyre, Pin Spring Sprayer,
Stands Pump Semi-Rotary,
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Union Male Brass, Nozzles Type
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Pulley, Housing, Binoculars,
Parachutes, Gloves, Mittens
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Metal, Bedsteads Iron, Mattres-
ses and Aircraft Tyres

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Special Conditions of Sale etc.
may be obtained from Messrs.
Lamert Brothers.

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above-mentioned Location can be
made between the hours of
9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on the
28th and 29th July 1947.

Terms: 50% of the Purchase
Money to be paid on the Fall
of the Hammer and the balance
to be paid on Thursday, the
31st July 1947.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER
CHAIRMAN.
BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL
BOARD.
(HONG KONG)

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Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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3. Closing date for Tenders—12 noon on Saturday, 30th August 1947.

4. No warranty is given in any way as to quantity, condition,
etc. and lots will be sold as they lie.

5. The Superintendent, H.M. Victualling Yard, does not bind
himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

G. MARSDEN,
Superintendent,
Victualling Yard.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF
VYNER REGINALD
GORDON late of Victo-
ria in the Colony of
Hong Kong, Assistant
Secretary of Hong
Kong Tramways
Limited, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probate
Ordinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 13th day of August 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 16th day of July,
1947.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors,
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office Union Building (Ground
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NOTICE

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and including Saturday August
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By Order of The Committee
D. W. MUNTUN,
Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thurs-
day the 7th August, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and to
appoint Auditors.

NOTICE is also given that
the Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
24th July, 1947, to the 7th
August, 1947, both days inclu-
sive.

By order of the Board of
Directors,

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
on Thursday, 7th August, 1947,
at 12.30 p.m., or at such time as
the Ordinary General Meeting
to be held at the same place at
Noon shall terminate, for the
purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the follow-
ing as Special Resolutions, viz:—

"(1) That the Authorised
Capital of the Company (which
is now \$8,000,000.00 consisting
of 160,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$50.00 each,
of which 90,000 shares have been
issued), be increased to \$50,
000,000.00 by the creation of
\$40,000 additional shares of the
nominal value of \$50.00 each,
and that such shares be issued
at such a time or times and
upon such terms as the Com-
pany's Board of Directors in
their absolute discretion shall
think fit.

"(2) That Article 19 of the
Company's Articles of Associa-
tion be cancelled; and the follow-
ing substituted therefor:—

"19. Notwithstanding any of the
provisions these Articles of
Association no Shareholder shall
without the sanction of the
Directors be entitled at any time
to be registered as the holder of
more than one-tenth of the
Capital of the Company issued
for the time being. Provided
nevertheless that the registra-
tion of a transfer of shares
whereby the holding of any
Shareholder is increased beyond
the said amount shall be con-
clusive evidence that the sanc-
tion of the Directors to such in-
creased holding has been given
but shall not be evidence that
the Directors have sanctioned
any further increase by such
Shareholder in his holding."

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that if the above resolution No.
(1) is duly passed as a Special
Resolution, it is the intention
of the Board of Directors in ac-
cordance with the terms of the
Special Resolutions passed, on
the 7th day of March, 1935, to
offer as soon as possible after
the 7th day of August, 1947,
70,000 new shares of the nomi-
nal value of \$50.00 each, being
the present unissued Capital of
the Company, together with an
additional 20,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$50.00 each
in accordance with the terms of
the above Resolution, making a
total of 90,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$50.00
each, to the persons who on the
7th day of August, 1947, are
registered in the Company's
Share Register as the holders of
the 90,000 issued shares in the
Capital of the Company, in the
proportion of one new share
for each share held by them
respectively, at a premium of
\$50.00 per share, and to pro-
pose the following further
Special Resolution:—

"(2) That the aforesaid 90,000
new shares shall be issued
subject to the following condi-
tions:—

"(a) The amount due for
such new shares shall be pay-
able as follows:—

"(i) On acceptance of the
offer \$50.00 per share, and
half of the remaining \$50.00
per share shall be paid on the
date of acceptance of the offer."

"(ii) On acceptance of the
offer \$50.00 per share, and
half of the remaining \$50.00
per share shall be paid on the
date of acceptance of the offer."

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS,
CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Interim Divi-
dend of \$2.0.0. per share (net
after deduction of Hong Kong
Corporation Profits Tax) has
been declared in respect of the
year ending 31st December
1947, at a rate of 1/2 27/32d.
per Dollar.

THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE
PAYABLE on and after
MONDAY 11th August at the
offices of the Corporation, where
Shareholders are requested to
apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from MONDAY
28th July to SATURDAY 9th
August (both days inclusive)
during which period no transfer
of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that
the fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Registered Office of
the Company, 6th Floor P. & O.
Building, Hong Kong, on Satur-
day, 2nd August, 1947, at
11 a.m. for the purpose of
confirming the appointment of
members of the Consulting Com-
mittee, to receive the Report of
the General Managers, together
with the Statements of Accounts
for the periods 1st January to
31st December 1946 and from
1st January 1947 to 31st
December 1946, to elect mem-
bers of the Consulting Committee
and to re-appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 28th July to 2nd
August both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 22nd July 1947.

(b) On the 30th June, 1948
the balance of \$50.00 per
share, being the remaining half
of the nominal value plus the
remaining half of the premium.

(c) Payment of the sum of
\$50.00 per share on acceptance
of the offer shall be deemed to
be the first call on such shares,
and the balance of \$50.00 per
share shall be deemed to be the
balance payable, within the
meaning of Articles 34 to 43 of
the Company's Articles of Associa-
tion.

(ii) Subject to payments
being made on the due dates,
such new shares shall rank as
partly paid shares from 1st
January, 1948, and as fully paid
shares from 1st July, 1948,
participating in dividend for
the period 1st January, 1948,
to 31st June 1948,
for the period 1st July, 1948,
to 31st December, 1948, to the
extent of one half the amount de-
clared for existing shares in
respect of the year 1948, and
thereafter ranking for dividend
and in all other respects pari
passu with the existing shares
of the Company.

(iii) That where the share-
holder so desires, the full sum
of \$100.00 per share may be
paid up on acceptance of the
offer, and in such event any
shares on which the full sum
shall have been paid up shall
rank for dividend and in all
other respects pari passu with
the existing shares of the Com-
pany as from 1st January,
1948.

The offer will be made by
Notice sent by post to each
shareholder, specifying the
number of shares to which the
shareholder is entitled, and such
offer, if not accepted either on
behalf of such shareholder or
his nominee on or before 31st
December, 1947, will be deemed
to be declined.

Any of the shares which shall
not be taken up by the Com-
pany's Shareholders in manner
aforesaid shall be disposed of in
such manner and at such time
or times and upon such terms
as the Company's Directors shall
in their absolute discretion see
fit.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS,

CHAS. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

APPEAL FOR MORE MINERS To Close Critical Manpower Gap

Pleas By Attlee And Bevin

London, July 24.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who got
his start in a coal mine, today urged parents
and school teachers to encourage children to
enter the mines and help close the critical
manpower gap which threatens an economic
collapse in Britain.

"This country cannot survive without coal," Mr.
Bevin stated. "The great burning need of this
country is acceptance by parents that mining,
steel work and production is as honourable as
any profession and is vitally necessary if our
country is to survive."

A few hours later, the Prime
Minister, Mr. Attlee, told the
House of Commons that he
endorsed Mr. Bevin's plea.

Mr. Bevin spoke to an
audience at Emmanuel School,
Battersea, during the presenta-
tion of school prizes.

Replying to criticism of war
time conscription of youths dur-
ing the war for coal production,
for which he was responsible,
Mr. Bevin said:—

"I found that there was a
horror of going down in the
mines and it was thought I was
doing something hideous. I
must emphasize—that however
good or bad an advocate of
foreign affairs I may be—
according to your political
opinions—I am not so potent
an argument as 40,000,000
extra tons of coal."

Coal Debate

Meanwhile, in the House of
Commons a lively coal debate
ensued between the Prime Minis-
ter and Mr. Raymond Black-
burn (Lab.).
Mr. Blackburn charged that

NUFFIELD SWITCH

London, July 24.
The Nuffield organisation,
one of Britain's largest
vehicle manufacturers, has
had to switch cars worth
£1,000,000 to new markets
overseas because the countries
for which they were intended
refused to import through
lack of sterling. The Vice
Chairman, Sir Miles Thomas,
announced today.—Reuter.

at the present rate of produc-
tion, the newly-nationalized coal
mines would undershoot the
minimum goal for the year by
at least 5,000,000 tons.

The Government has set
200,000,000 tons as the minimum
goal and Mr. Blackburn claimed
that no more than 195,000,000
tons would be mined.

Mr. Attlee replied heatedly
that it was too early yet to say
what total production for 1947
would be.

"I can assure the House that
every effort is being made to
make the amount required," he
said.—United Press.

Fritz Kuhn For Trial?

Munich, July 25.

Fritz Kuhn, former leader of
the German-American Bund,
was in a Munich jail tonight,
facing possible trial as a "Nazi
offender" by a court of his
German neighbours.

The Munich Public Prosecu-
tor, Julius Heras, said that
Kuhn, a German sympathiser,
who was deported from the
United States was arrested on
Monday. Heras said Kuhn would
be charged as a "major Nazi"
under the German De-Nazifica-
tion law.

Kuhn if convicted would be
sentenced to 10 years' hard
labour.—Associated Press.

Interpreter's Error, Says Counsel

The seizure of 2,580 taels of raw opium at Kai Tak
Airport by Revenue Officers on June 23 was
recalled before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kow-
loon yesterday when Mr. Marcus da Silva ap-
plied for a review of the sentence of one year's
hard labour each passed on Tong Chi-wah and
Chan Chun-wah on June 25.

In his submissions, Mr. Silva declared that when
the defendants appeared before His Worship
on June 25 they pleaded guilty to the charge
of possession of the drug. This plea was an
erroneous one inasmuch as it arose out of a
misunderstanding.

After the charge was read, and not a mere pandering to the
desires of the prosecution.
The continued Mr. Silva, both defen-
dants were asked whether they
understood the charge and they
both replied in the affirmative.
The interpreter, Mr. Ip Tin-
sang, immediately proceeded to
ask them "Hoi ng hai" (yes or
no) and the accused, under the
impression that they were asked
whether they really understood
the charge, again replied in the
affirmative.

This, declared Mr. Silva, was
taken by the interpreter as a
plea of guilty, when he asked
the "yes or no" question, he
was interpreting the Magis-
trate's question as to whether
they pleaded guilty or other-
wise. Defence counsel went on
to emphasise that, no blame
could be attached to the inter-
preter as the mistake was one
which even the best interpreter
could make.

Dealing with the case of Tong
Chi-wah, Mr. Silva stated that
he arrived by plane from Kun-
ming on June 23. At the Kun-
ming airport was a certain Chau
Sze-ching who, after having all
his baggage on board, was not-
ified with four others that due
to the necessity of loading addi-
tional supply of petrol, five pas-
sengers would have to be taken
off.

"Foolish"

Chau approached Tong and
asked him to bring the baggage
to the Shan Kwong Hotel in
Hong Kong. Tong had foolishly
invested his money in raw
opium as he was unable to ob-
tain foreign currency at Kun-
ming and did not care to leave
his funds in the depreciated Chi-
nese dollars.

"That," admitted Mr. Silva,
"was very wrong and very re-
prehensible." The fact remain-
ed that he did so and put the
opium in his waistband where
it was discovered by Revenue
Officers.

After producing a letter from
the C.N.C. Office at Kunming
in support of his contention that
Chau was really taken off the
plane and did tell the airline to
deliver the baggage to Tong,
Mr. Silva went on to submit that
the sentence was imposed main-
ly on the statement of Senior
Revenue Officer Humphreys
that "these people were us-
ing Hong Kong as a distribut-
ing centre, that a very serious
view should be taken of the case,
and that if accused had not
been caught they would be tried
at the Consulate."

The imposition of a prison
sentence, declared Mr. Silva,
must be the result of the
judicial process of the magis-
trate.

Prosecution's Powers

He submitted that the prose-
cution should not, even after
conviction, say that they take a
serious view of the case and
ask the magistrate to do like-
wise, nor to ask the Court to
impose the maximum penalty.
"Their power," went on Mr.
Silva, "should be, and must
be, the mere presentation of the
evidence against the accused.
The view to be taken of the
case, and the sentence to be im-
posed, by the magistrate should
be left entirely to the magis-
trate."

Referring to Chan Chun-wah,
Mr. Silva stated that on June 10
he was taken off the plane
leaving for Hong Kong. On
board that plane was one Fong
Chung-shou who had four pieces
of opium luggage left off. Fong
asked Chan to take the luggage
to Hong Kong for him on the
next day, promising to meet
Chan when the plane arrived.

Fong, declared Mr. Silva, was
actually off the airport when
Chan arrived but, seeing Chan
in the custody of the Revenue
Officers, he did a bunk, leaving
Chan not only to carry his lug-
gage but the baby as well.

No opium was found in
Chan's person or his own lug-
gage, but only in the suitcase
the keys of which were not even
in his possession.
Concluding, Mr. Silva, said
that he understood that Hum-
phreys had received instructions
not to oppose his application for
the option of a fine being given
his clients.

"Extraordinary"

SRO Humphreys, replying,
stated that he had been instruc-
ted not to oppose a fine. It seem-
ed extraordinary that five per-
sons should be left off the plane
and their luggage permitted to
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A USE FOR BROTHELS

London, July 24. A suggestion that brothels in Soho—London's "vice" district—be requisitioned for the use of homeless families, was made by Dr. Joan R. Carrill when the housing crisis was discussed by the Westminster City Council today.

"You can pick out the brothels, because they are the only houses that have been renovated since the blitz," she said.

Housing conditions in Soho and Piccadilly were described by the City Council as a menace to health. Many people were without kitchens, sinks were shared by three and four families, and there were no bathrooms or electric light.—Reuter.

London, July 24. A warning that the U.S. Congress might not sanction a scheme based on the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe in time to help Britain out of her impending crisis was given to the House of Lords by Lord Brand, the distinguished British economist and former Treasury Representative in Washington.

Speaking in a debate on the second reading of the budget (which was passed without a vote), Lord Brand, a non-party peer, alleged that "if we have not got money of our own and are not able to borrow, we shall have to cut imports, and in these circumstances we cannot possibly avoid a crisis."

"If we get no help from abroad we shall be faced with making very large cuts in all imports not absolutely essential."

London, July 24.

BRITISH ATOMIC RESEARCH

London, July 25. John Wilmot, Minister of Supply, told the House of Commons on Thursday that research at the atomic energy experimental station at Harwell "is making very good progress indeed."—Associated Press.

Leftist Victory In Italy

Rome, July 24. Leftist opponents of Italy's non-Communist government scored their first Assembly victory today when they gained passage of a motion cancelling the Minister of Education's order dissolving the State Advisory Board and replacing it with a hand-picked committee.

Liberal Benedetto Croce joined in condemning the action of Minister Guido Gonella in removing the Education Board and instituting a "confessional policy for schools." All protests against Gonella's act included demands that the laity of schools be protected and charges that the Minister had shown too much partiality in his appointments.

The State Education Board was set up in 1946 to pass judgment on the qualification of teachers and professors. Gonella's new board continued that work, but members were chosen by the Minister without referring to the Assembly for approval. Opponents said Gonella's new board required all teachers to state their political affiliations and claimed that such action was improper.

The motion to set aside Gonella's order and bring the question of naming a new State board before the Assembly was approved 218 to 194.—United Press.

Couldn't Get Along So He Killed Her

Colorado Springs, July 24. Undersheriff Henry Clark announces that David Downey, former lieutenant in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe during the war, has confessed that he killed his pretty Czech war bride on the mountainside near here.

Clark said Downey, after two days' continuous denial, admitted killing his wife, Lolli Downey, "because we just didn't get along."

Clark said Downey confessed after consulting a minister. He said the US\$40,000 insurance he had taken out on his wife was not the motive for killing her.

Until today, Downey maintained that his wife was killed in a 60-foot fall from a ledge in the mountains near here, but a coroner's inquest determined that she died from asphyxiation, e.g. strangulation.

Downey told reporters he met his wife, who was a refugee from Prague, in London during the war. He said he courted her for a year between flights over Europe. Before he left London, the couple became engaged. In January 1946, she came to the United States and they were married in April the same year, after which they went to California.

About a week ago, the couple came here on a vacation. The bride's death followed.

Downey reportedly confessed to choking his wife to death, then hurling her body off a

Alexander Murder Echo

Rome, July 24.

The special Court of Assizes absolved the former diplomat, Paolo Cortese, today of charges of complicity in the assassinations of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and the French Foreign Minister, Louis Barthou, at Marseille in October, 1934.

Cortese was charged with having contributed to the assassination through his alleged relations with Ustashi leaders who carried out the slayings.

The prosecution demanded acquittal because "no proof whatever" of complicity had been shown in the two-day trial.—United Press.

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Washington, July 24.

The U.S. War and Navy Departments announced jointly today a hitherto top secret military operation—the training of their armed forces in the use and development of atomic weapons.

The Departments broke a year's silence to disclose that Maj.-Gen. Leslie Groves, wartime director of the Manhattan engineering district which developed atomic bombs, was the author of the project. Rear-Admiral William Parsons, USN, who also worked on the bomb, is deputy.

The disclosure came close upon the heels of the revelation that the United States planned to use a "Pacific mystery island"—sealed off from the prying eyes of the rest of the world—as a major proving ground for new developments in atomic weapons.

The secret weapons project is using Sandia base, near Albuquerque, as its principal field installation, the joint announcement said.

Atomic Energy. It is learned that the joint programme—already in effect for about six months—worked in close contact with the Atomic Energy Commission. Joint Task Force 1—the group that conducted the atomic experiment at Bikini atoll—has been turned over to the special weapons project, the Joint Commission said.

Presumably that will include records and some of the staff of that Pacific project.

The new Pacific island project, it was learned, would give top-drawer American personnel a tiny portion of the globe where super-secret weapons could be tested with the minimum chance of outside observation.—United Press.

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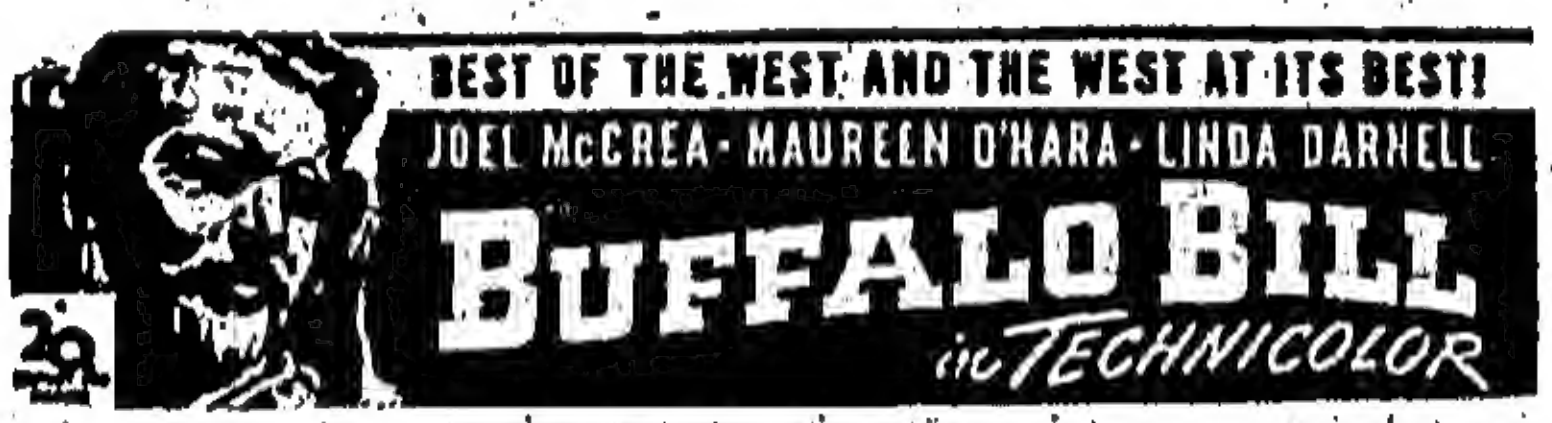
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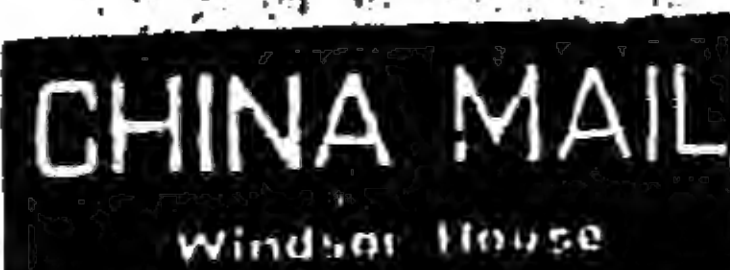
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Yesterday's abominable weather could make no difference to the sincerity with which Sir Alexander Grantham was welcomed, as it were, back into the fold. At few periods in the Colony's history could there have been an occasion when the guidance of a Governor well acquainted with the Colony, its peculiarities, its inconsistencies and its fixations, was set at a higher valuation. His Excellency takes office, therefore, with the warmest goodwill, assured of a cordiality which is given to few Governors automatically as they enter upon administrative leadership of this Colony. Sir Alexander comes back, after an absence of thirteen years, with an impressive record of achievement in other Colonies, culminating in the Governorship of Fiji, thereby setting our expectations somewhat higher, but nevertheless sure of every sympathy and support, fortified by the knowledge that the Colony is also satisfied that in giving its confidence in uncommon measure, it will be abundantly justified in the result. It is not an easy task that Sir Alexander undertakes. He inherits a not altogether comfortable legacy from the immediate past: many and difficult problems crowd ahead. The important constitutional changes just announced will call for skilful handling before a smooth-running machine emerges from the manoeuvring and manipulation. The acute housing shortage will involve heavy responsibilities in decision and policy. Income tax—or its local equivalent—will rear its head as an important issue, particularly in the reform of the constitution will strengthen the authority of the Unofficial Members in Legislative Council. Chinese party politics play a role in the Colony today in a manner having no counterpart during the tour of duty commencing Sir Alexander's administrative career, a condition which will not long escape His Excellency's review. Perhaps even more formidable is the question of civil service pay and conditions, a matter which is likely to emerge as a critical issue very soon now with the publication of the report of the Salaries Commission. The acute discontent that prevails in the Police Force has already been dealt with extensively in these columns, but dissatisfaction does not begin and end with this branch of the public service; there are substantial elements of disharmony in most every sphere of activity that will exact every ounce of sagacity and understanding, judgment and discrimination, if a happy solution is to be found. It is becoming clearer daily, too, that another turning-point in the Colony's modern progress is rapidly approaching. The days of quick returns and high profits which accompanied Hong Kong's comparatively rapid return to peace, good order and prosperity, are fast fading; the maintenance of our position will in the future depend upon hard work rather than wit and opportunism. The long-term effect of such a process of accommodation to new and more solid standards cannot be otherwise than beneficial, but the immediate repercussions on the Colony's economy may easily hamper progress, and affect revenues, at a time most inconvenient to the Administration. In having to meet these and allied problems as they come, Sir Alexander Grantham begins with the tremendous advantage of past knowledge and past friendships, and the assurance of all who have the Colony's welfare at heart. He begins with an assurance that the link between Government House and the community has never been more genuine than it is today, because of these past associations, and of the warm regard and confidence of the personal qualities of Sir Alexander, which will check the high responsibility

The Despatches On The Malayan Campaign Have Been Withheld From Publication Though Prepared For More Than A Year. In The Following Article, Harold Guard, Formerly of Hong Kong, Enquires Why?

BEHIND THE SURRENDER OF SINGAPORE

By Harold Guard

London, July 25.
On February 15, 1942 when Singapore was surrendered to the Japanese, a curtain dropped on one of the most tragic and confused phases of the last war and has not yet been raised. An element of mystery shrouds official despatches on the Malaya Campaign compiled by Field-Marshal Lord Wavell who was Commander-in-Chief Far East at the time of the surrender. Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Wavell's predecessor, Lieut-General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding Malaya and other commanders of the Navy and Air Forces concerned with the defence of Malaya.

The despatches have been in the hands of the Government for more than a year and questions in Parliament and the national press have sought an explanation of the Government's apparent reluctance to release them for publication.

Survivors of the rank and file in Malaya are voicing the contention that "in all fairness to those who fought in Malaya it is high time the despatches were made public. There is no excuse for withholding them any longer."

It is known that the despatches have been referred to the governments of Australia and India and that they have been circulated among and checked and re-checked by the various Ministries concerned, but there has been no definite assurance that they will be made public.

No Explanation

Mr. Frederick Bellenger, Secretary of State for War, answering a question in Parliament in June this year, gave no explanation for the delay and remarked that "it was hoped the despatches would be published in the Autumn."

Prompted by the re-mustering of facts recorded during the 70-day battle in Malaya, Australia and India, the first explanation that comes to mind for the Government's action is that the despatches could constitute a direct challenge to War Cabinet's appraisal of the Malaya Campaign as revealed by publication of Mr. Winston Churchill's wartime speeches in "secret sessions" of Parliament.

Secondly, facts recorded in Java and Australia indicate that the official despatches could justifiably seek to stress the achievement rather than the failure in Malaya by an overall appreciation of the effect, on the whole war in the Far East, or Malaya holding out for ten weeks when the Japanese had assembled their best troops, best leaders and best equipment for the attack on Malaya.

Thirdly, the despatches should reveal that Britain was not prepared in any aspect of her Far Eastern defence which were denuded to fulfil undertakings to Russia and to bolster a wavering line in the Middle East.

Fourthly, according to the record of events in Malaya, both before and during the campaign, the despatches should make mention of difficulties confronting effective Civil Administration due to maladjustment of relations between the various Federated and Unfederated Malay States.

Common Error

Mr. Winston Churchill is on record as having told a "secret session" of Parliament: "There

'Queen Mary' Shows Her Paces

Southampton, July 25.—The "Queen Mary," Britain's luxury liner which transported more than 750,000 troops during seven years of war, set out on her final trials on Thursday before resuming the trans-Atlantic passenger service July 31.

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After a two-day shakedown cruise with 500 distinguished guests on board, the "Queen Mary" will return to Southampton preparatory to sailing for New York that week on the post-war maiden voyage of her scheduled weekly crossings.

were, according to War Office figures, about 100,000 men gathered on the Island of Singapore by the morning of February 8. On the night of February 8 about 5,000 Japanese made a lodgement on the northwest corner of the Island and were gradually reinforced by landings from other points until perhaps 30,000 men had been landed.

This version led to statements in British and foreign newspapers that the 100,000 British had surrendered to 30,000 Japanese.

The official despatches should repudiate the suggestion that a superior British force surrendered to an inferior enemy force. Facts recorded on the spot, when the Japanese effected the landing on Singapore Island, show, in the first place, that far more than 5,000 Japanese were used in the initial assault. Three divisions were used and there were others in reserve. At least 30,000 were used for the actual landing on a concentrated front of about 10 miles along the northwest coastline of Singapore Island.

The War Office assessment of 100,000 British Forces on the Island can be said to be equally misleading and inaccurate because it included the total military strength with all auxiliary and non-fighting services and units as well as the heavy numbers incapacitated by the heavy fighting down the full length of the Peninsula.

Argyll Losses

An example of these losses is recorded by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Second Battalion which was at full strength of 800 on December 8 but numbered less than 100 by the time they reached the Island.

In Hongkong, in 1938, Colonel Hideo Ohira (Later Lieut-General) of the Japanese War College at Tokyo, told me that a Japanese division at full strength numbered 30,000 men. The British War Office assessment of Japanese strength throughout the campaign never exceeded three divisions which, at full strength, approximated 90,000.

The official despatches should reveal that the Japanese actually used five divisions with base and lines of communications troops. At the outset, these divisions were at full strength, which brings the total nearer to 150,000, whereas the British and Imperial forces combined strength at no time exceeded 100,000.

In New Delhi, in March 1942, Field Marshal Wavell spared no words.

"We were not ready for war in the Far East," he declared. "We could have made ourselves ready only by taking forces from places immediately threatened or by withholding from Russia those supplies which enabled her to stage her great recovery.... Circumstances compelled us in a move aimed at saving Malaya, to put into the field troops with little or no training at jungle warfare and reinforcements available were trained for an entirely different kind of warfare in the Western Desert."

Mastery Of Sea

That the Japanese had complete mastery of the sea and in the air during the Malaya Campaign is indisputable. Facts recorded in the Far East from as far back as 1931 leave no doubt, but that the Japanese incursion at Pearl Harbour was as great a disaster to Whitehall as it was to Washington.

At least since 1935, when the British Far Eastern Fleet was rushed to the Mediterranean to meet Mussolini's threat of war with the invasion of Abyssinia, the British pattern of defence in the Pacific was based largely on a sort of "gentlemen's agreement" with the United States Navy. As the British Fleet moved out, units of the United States Asiatic Squadron moved into British harbours such as Hongkong and the State Department was quick to label these moves as "routine."

Spokesmen elaborating on the potentialities of the Singapore Naval Base always emphasised the twenty-six square miles of deep sea anchorage—sufficient to accommodate the whole British Fleet—followed by the American Fleet, too, if necessary. Pearl Harbour, followed in three days by the sinking of Prince of Wales and Repulse, seemed absolute water-tight.

Malaya's coastline and all approaches.

Gallant Gamble

The sinking of the two capital ships alone was proof of Japanese air mastery. Their torpedo bombers attacked at will, unmolested because no air cover was available when the two battleships ventured on their "gallant gamble" with the weather, to engage the Japanese sea forces.

Malaya's puny air strength (my own records placed the total number of serviceable aircraft at 103 at the outbreak of war and the best of these were Hudsons and Brewster Buffaloes) was rendered ineffectual during the first hours of the battle on December 8.

For the ensuing 70 days the Malaya defenders were practically without a striking force in the air and their intelligence was blinded through lack of air reconnaissance.

Thus, gripped and battered the Malaya defenders struggled against impossible odds while, according to Mr. Churchill's recorded speeches "a ceaseless stream of ships from Britain flowed to sustain the armies in Russia and the Middle East" and top-priority appeals for adequate defences, which accumulated from Malaya long before the war started, remained in the "pending" files at War Office.

War Cabinet parlance described the Malaya Campaign as one of the "most spectacular disasters to befall British arms" and officially, the curtain dropped on the spectacle of the British commander carrying the white flag of surrender to Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita, the "Tiger of Malaya."

The Japanese victor has since been hanged as a common criminal for condoning crimes against humanity during his military campaigns, but the curtain must soon rise again revealing the defender of Malaya, patiently waiting for the day when official records will vindicate the traduced defenders and prove that the Singapore surrender was not an ignominious military defeat—United Press.

Ex-P.W.'s Tax Exemption

Washington, July 25.

The U.S. Senate has passed and sent to the White House a bill amending tax laws for the benefit of Americans captured by the Japanese.

Certain tax exemptions were granted to United States citizens who lived in the Philippines or other US possessions, but this tax-exempt status was lost when they were captured by the Japanese and transferred to prison camps in Japan, Korea and China.

The Senate on Thursday restored this status which the Finance Committee pointed out had been lost at the point of a bayonet.—Associated Press.

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WHENEVER you know your partner has a scoreable low card for a trick-taker against the hostile No Trump contract, your duty is usually to help him score it if you can. That means aiding him to regain the lead, using any devices you can for the purpose, sometimes going to the extent of playing your own honor cards deliberately on those of the declarer so as to unblock some lower card which your partner may hold.

S Q J 9	
H K Q 6 5 4 2	
D A Q J	
C 6	
S 6 5 3 2	S A 8 4
H A 9 7	H J 10 8
D 7 4 2	D 6 5 3
C 10 8 4	C K Q 6 2
S K 10 7	
H 8	
D K 10 9 8	
C A Q J 7 3	

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 C	Pass	1 H	Pass
2 D	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass

North and South were not using any artificial slam conventions. The 4-No Trumps was meant in its natural sense as a mild reach toward a slam which South refused.

West led his spade 2, East winning with the A and returning the 8 to the K. South led the heart 3 to dummy's K. To most average players it would be obvious that East should play his 8 on this trick. Not so, however, to this chap. He did some lightning reckoning first and came up with the answer

that beat the contract. He played the 10. When the heart Q was led then from dummy, East played the J on it and West won with the A. Now West led his third spade, the 6, to the Q, establishing his own 6 as a winner. When the next heart was led from the dummy, West won it with the 9 and cashed the spade 6 to beat the one-level-too-high contract.

After the deal, East refused the compliments of a kibitzer, saying his correct play was obvious in that situation.

"There was a good chance," he declared, "that South's 3 was his only heart. If so, my partner had the A and 9 left after playing the 7. I could see definitely that unblocking my J and 10 would give him two heart winners and that between them he could establish his fourth spade."

"Yes, it was an open and shut case to you," concluded the kibitzer, "but not to most players who think they are pretty good."

Tomorrow's Problem

S 3	
H Q 10 7 5	
D 6 5 4	
C A K J 7 2	

S 10 9 7 4	N SK 6 2
H A J 6 4	H 10 2
D 7	D A K 10 8
C 10 8 3	C 2

S A Q J 8 5
H K 8
D Q J 9 8
C 9 6

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable and 40-part score.)

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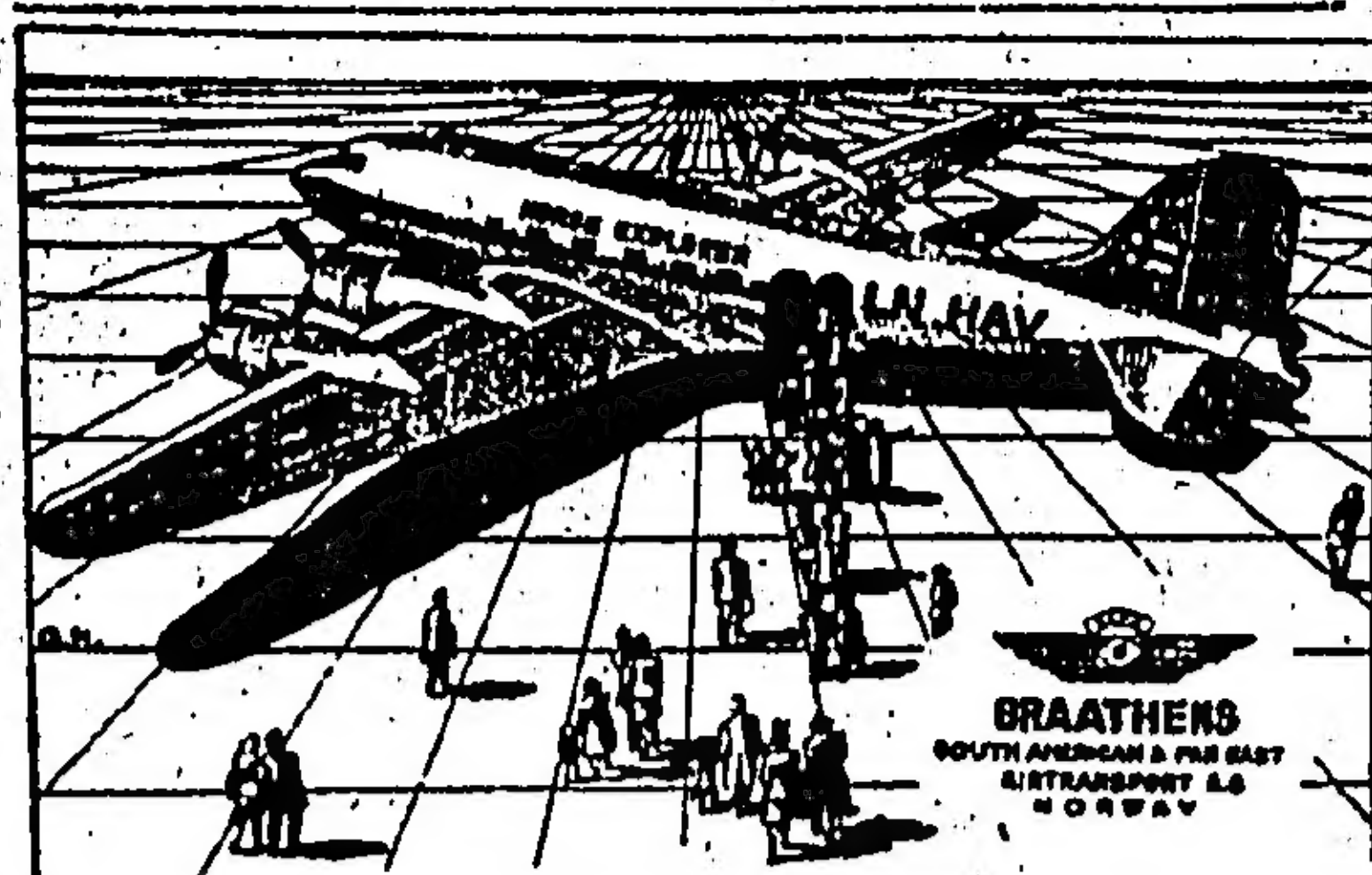
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BURMA ARRESTS GO ON

Curfew Precautions Unrelaxed Myochit Leaders Detained

YORK'S CRASH

Buenos Aires, July 24.
 Four persons were killed when a four-engine transport of the Argentine merchant air fleet hit a truck while landing at Moron airport. At least five persons were reported injured, some seriously.

The plane, an "Auro-York," burst into flames and was destroyed. It was making a practice flight preparatory to departure for London tomorrow on a regular scheduled flight.—United Press.

Illinois Mine Disaster

West Frankfort, Ill., July 24.

An explosion at the Old Ben coal mine near West Frankfort is reported to have trapped 22 miners late today.

The fire chief, Alta McGee, operating the police radio circuit handling communications in efforts to reach the trapped men, says it is not known how many of those still in the mine had been hurt. Mr. McGee says he sent out radio appeals for blood plasma and has received adequate response from relief agencies.

He says the blast was confined to one entry, blocking the main shaft.

Other miners in the pit made their escape through an air shaft.—United Press.

Estonian Spy Ring In Sweden

Stockholm, July 24.

The afternoon newspaper "Expressen" said today that it had learned from an unnamed source that an Estonian government has been operating in Stockholm for some time, and has received financial backing from Estonian organizations and private citizens in the United States.

"Expressen" said the disclosure of an exile government was one of the ramifications of a suspected spy ring uncovered by the State Police yesterday.

The morning newspaper "Morgen Tidningen," which is close to the government, refused to get excited about the spy ring and said the police regard the whole affair as a "minor matter."—United Press.

Rangoon, July 24.
 Reports of further arrests in the provincial centres of Burma were received here today as the Rangoon police continued the interrogation of the three men believed to be the killers of the seven Burmese Cabinet Ministers last Saturday.

Five days after the assassinations, civil life in Rangoon shows signs of a return to normal, although curfew is still being rigidly enforced and the vigil by the police and the military is unrelaxed.

The Executive Council is being given the status of a "fully authoritative Cabinet," and this news has helped to some extent to ease the situation here.

The first meeting of the new Burmese Cabinet, with Thakin Nu, Aung San's successor as Prime Minister, was held in the Constituent Assembly Chamber today. The next session has been postponed until July 29.

A monument to the memory of the assassinated Ministers is to be erected in front of the Constituent Assembly Building. The Council Chamber, where the assassination occurred, will be preserved as a national museum, where the portraits of the murdered men will be hung.

Two other prominent members of the Myochit Party, whose leader, U Saw, was arrested after the assassinations, are among the latest arrests.

One is U Ba Yin, former Education Minister, who is held in custody in the central Burma town of Moulmein.

The other is reported to be U Aung Tha, a former Vice-President of the Myochit Party.

The Burmese press also reported today that the police last night held two officers of the Japanese-sponsored Burma Defence Army who had received military training in Japan with the murdered Prime Minister, U Aung San.

BURMA SELF-RULE

London, July 24.

The Government is to introduce legislation at the beginning of the next Parliamentary session this autumn to give effect to the transfer of power to the Burmese Government under the constitution to be set up by the Constituent Assembly, which is now sitting.

The Government will do its utmost to carry the necessary bill through Parliament as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and the Secretary of State for Burma, Lord Listowel, announced this in Parliament today.

The aim of the mission will be to reach provisional conclusions by the time the Constituent Assembly has drafted Burma's constitution. If Burma decided to become an independent state outside the Commonwealth, both countries would try to maintain the most cordial relations, and take all practicable steps to that end.—Reuter.

THE AIM

The Government agreed that the present Interim Government of Burma should become the provisional government until the transfer.

The senior member of the Cabinet would, by convention, be designated Prime Minister, and the other members Ministers.

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LEVER DIVIDEND

London, July 25.

Lever Brothers and Unilever Limited on Thursday announced an ordinary dividend of 10 per cent less tax, the highest since 1939. It will be payable on September 12 to holders registered on August 8.—Associated Press.

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POLICE RAID ON CARTIER'S

Paris, July 24.
 The police announced today that they had raided the premises of Cartier, swank jewellers on the famed Rue de la Paix, and had seized 20,000,000 francs worth of gold and foreign currency belonging to members of the staff and "friends and clients."

The police said they had also seized papers tending to show that the firm had failed to declare to the currency control authorities certain sums in its possession abroad.—United Press.

Confession Not Taken Seriously

Seoul, July 24.

The Korean police announced today that Han Chi-keun, 19, has confessed to the assassination of the Leftist leader, Lyuh Woon-heung, last Saturday.

The American authorities are skeptical and claim that several other suspects still are not eliminated.

The police said the youth told them he arrived in Seoul from North Korea 26 days ago. He confessed he smuggled an American army .45 pistol tied to a belt and concealed beneath his coat into South Korea. He gave no motive for the slaying.

The American authorities point out there is still no apparent connection between the alleged assassin with any political party organization.

Progress on the case was greatly impeded when the Korean police refused to permit U.S. Army investigators to see Han or read his confession.

The Korean police also refused to hand over the pistol to the Americans, who have one of three slugs fired at Lyuh. Later in the day however, the police handed over the pistol and the ballistics result will be known on Friday.

It is also learned the police belatedly promised "full co-operation" with the American authorities.—United Press.

And Still They Come

Jerusalem, July 24.

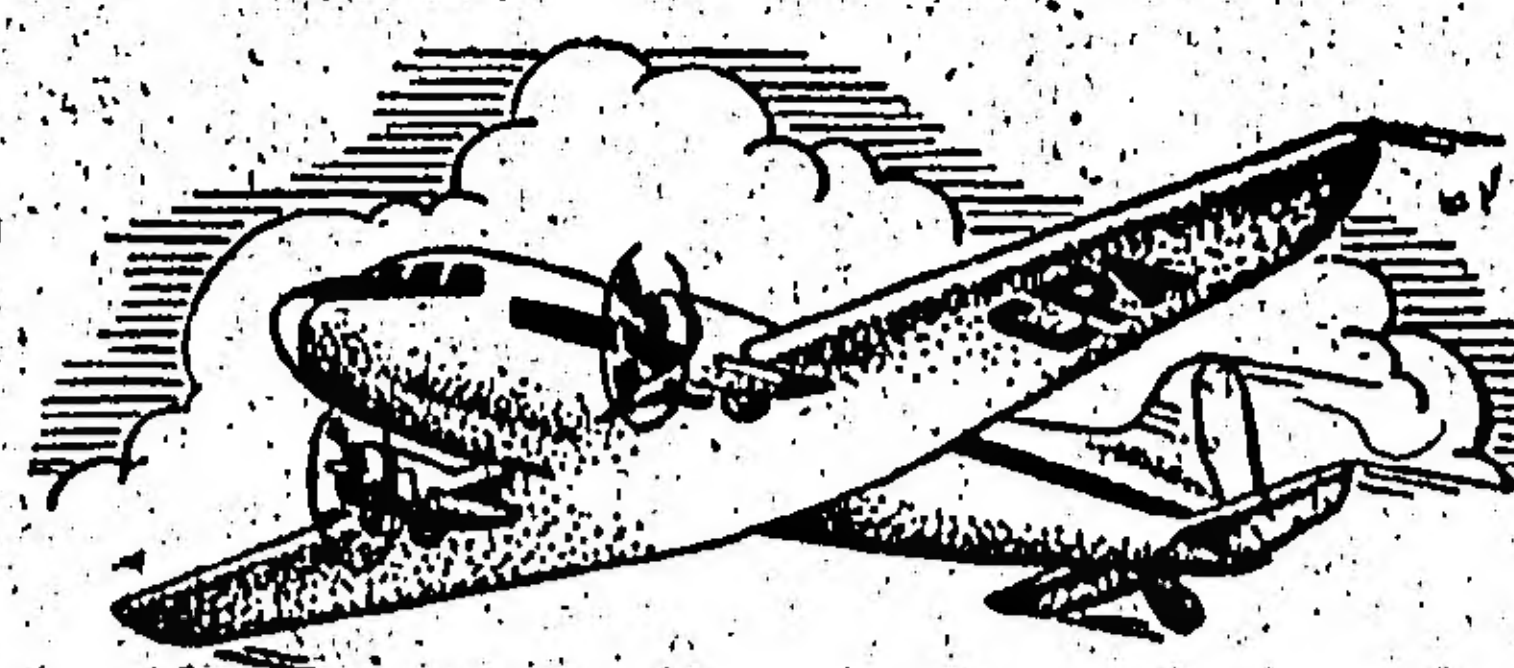
Two Jewish illegal immigrant ships, carrying between them some 2,000 passengers, are now in the Mediterranean, heading for Palestine.

One ship was last reported passing through the Straits of Messina, shadowed by RAF planes, and the other "somewhere along the North African coast."

Both ships are expected to try to run the British naval blockade of Palestine on Monday or Tuesday.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, July 24.
 The illegal immigrant ship "Return to Zion," carrying 400 Jewish refugees, is sailing for the Palestine shore, but the Royal Navy is on her track; a Haganah broadcast stated tonight.

It is also learned that a large underground arms cache was discovered by the military in Tel Aviv today. No details were immediately available.—United Press.



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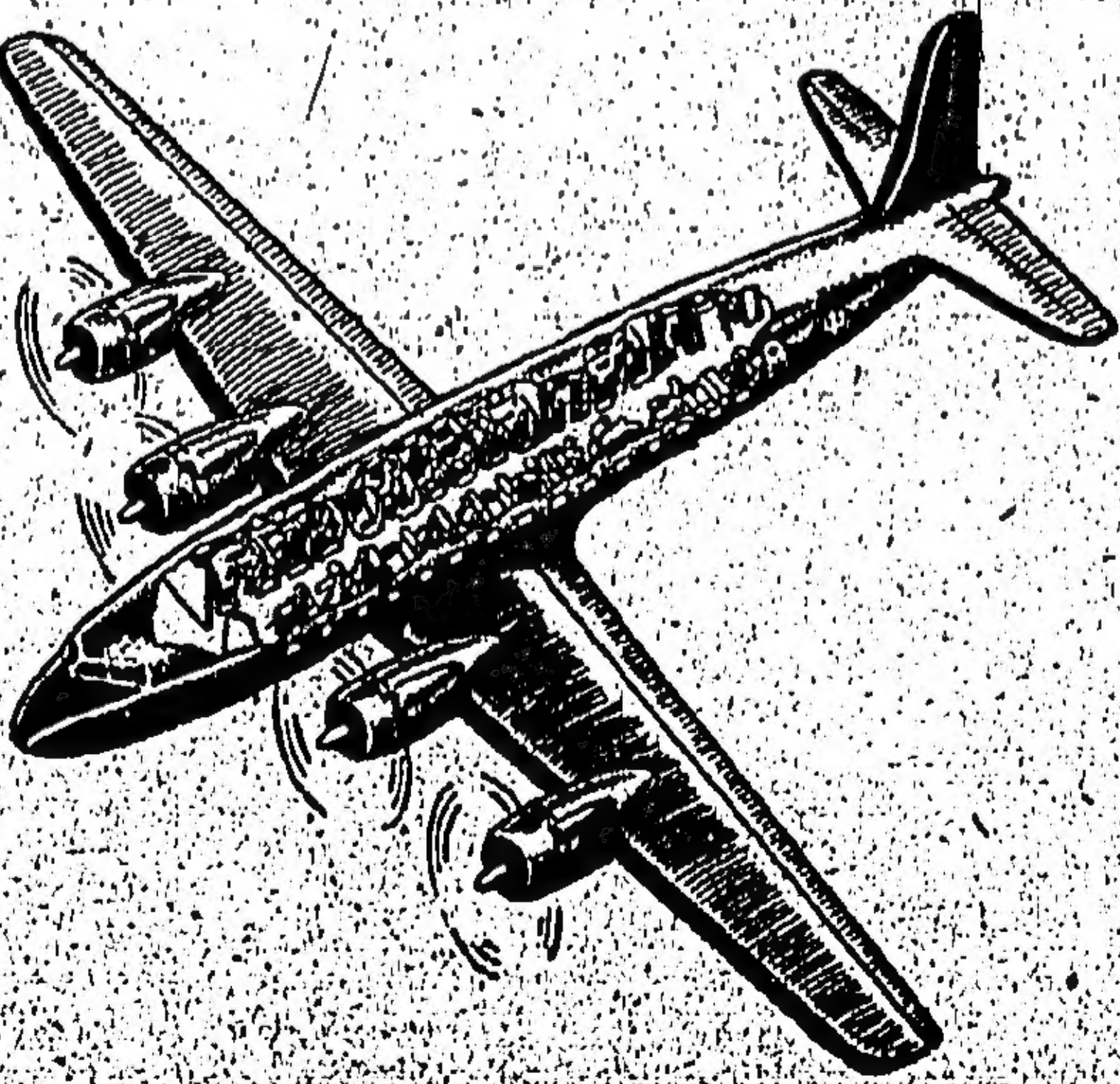
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

Car Licence Fees In Hong Kong: A Concession Urged

With car licence fees up so much, I wonder if the licensing authorities will now revert to the pre-war practice of allowing a pro-rata monthly deduction on licences of cars taken out after July 31? Since the re-occupation it has been the practice to allow only quarterly deductions, and a car licensed say, from September to June 30 the following year, would still have to pay licence fees for a full year instead of 10 months. It cannot now be said that licence fees in Hong Kong are low, and that the fee for a month or two makes no difference.

Radio licences costing only twelve dollars a year are valid for a full year from date of issue—obviously this system would not work for licensing cars—but car licences can just as easily be charged pro-rata, with any part of a month counting as a full month instead of any part of three months counting as a full quarter year's fees.

It is not generally realised that 80 cents of each \$2.00 worth of

gasoline that we buy is Government tax. Taking a very conservative average consumption of 30 gallons a month, this amounts to \$288 per year for tax. For the few roads in the Colony, and the scarcity of parking and other facilities, this is a high tax to pay. Also, it cannot be argued that this is a luxury tax. The

however, is with the owners of the Beach Bus, as anyone who has to travel on the overloaded bus system will rightly agree. Until the Bus Companies have more vehicles and an efficient service, enough to cope with the ever-waiting passengers at each stop, these and any other attempts to alleviate our transportation

By Our Motoring Correspondent

motor car today is a necessity, not a luxury. Were it not for the large number of cars and private conveyances in the Colony, the transport system would be absolutely bogged down.

One thing leads to another. The Mawan Beach Bus has had to be discontinued because it infringed the franchise of the Bus Company. Public support and sympathy,

problems must be encouraged. Without competition, there will be no attempt to provide a service compatible with modern needs. Larger buses, frequent runs, with a proportion of non-stop services, are some of the more obvious answers. Perhaps we shall have to wait for the Municipal Council to chase things along.

Whilst on the subject, I would like to put in a good word for the public vehicles (not taxis), as no one else seems to have a good word for them. Certainly they have to wait—because there isn't anywhere for them to wait for passengers to come to them, except out-of-the-way garages. If the authorities would allow any car which is playing for hire the right to park at the recognised taxi stands there would not be any need for these public vehicles to wait for passengers.

A few more stands, sensibly positioned, would eliminate this trouble. As it is, it is caught in a shaver, there is no way of getting into a public car or taxi except halting a passing one, and very often this is a long wait.

At peak hours, traffic, especially in the district between Central and the Naval Yard, just doesn't move. Why can't the authorities do something just to try out the proposed one-way traffic on Queen's Road for a short period? Theoretically this is a very sound plan, as most traffic experts explain that traffic lanes crossing too frequently are the main causes of traffic jams. One has only to stand near the Garden Road junction during peak hours to understand this.

Another reason, of course, is the inefficiency of the man on point duty, due perhaps to lack of experience. How many times I have seen a long line of twenty to thirty vehicles held up to allow one vehicle coming down from Garden Road to have the right of way, sometimes my own vehicle!

I saw a utility van yesterday (with CE marked on the front mudguards) on the tramlines in Des Voeux Road endeavouring to reverse into Prince's Building lane. The driver of the van was arguing with the driver of the tram which was trying to proceed, and he just would not drive forward towards the side of the road to allow the tram to pass. As this was during the lunch hour, many cars and trucks as well as trams were held up by this very thoughtless driver.

Ford Revives Home Leave Delivery Plan

The arrangement which was so popular in Hong Kong before the war, whereby a person planning his home leave could arrange in advance for a new car to be awaiting him on arrival home, is now in full swing again according to information received from Harper & Shea, local Ford-Mercury-Lincoln Distributors.

The latest model Ford "Prefect" 10 h.p. double-entrance Saloon, built at Dagenham by Ford Motor Co. of England, Ltd., is coming off the production lines in ever-increasing quantities and definite delivery dates can now be arranged, although it is advisable to give as much advance notice as possible before departing on leave. Perhaps the most attractive feature of the current "Home Leave Delivery Plan" offered by Harper & Shea is that no purchase tax is payable at home provided the buyer guarantees to export the car from England within 12 months of the date he takes delivery.

Purchasers availing themselves of this "Home Leave Delivery Plan" are well taken care of by Harper & Shea and the Ford Motor Company in England. Such matters as registration of the vehicle, arranging for insurance, securing of driver's licence, etc. are all handled for you and you find everything ship-shape and ready when you call for your car.

Incidentally, you may call for it at the Ford Showrooms at 88, Regent Street, London, if it is convenient to you to take delivery there. But if it suits your plans better delivery will be made at any of the principal cities such as Southampton, Plymouth, Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh, etc. There is of course a small extra charge for delivery other than at Regent Street.

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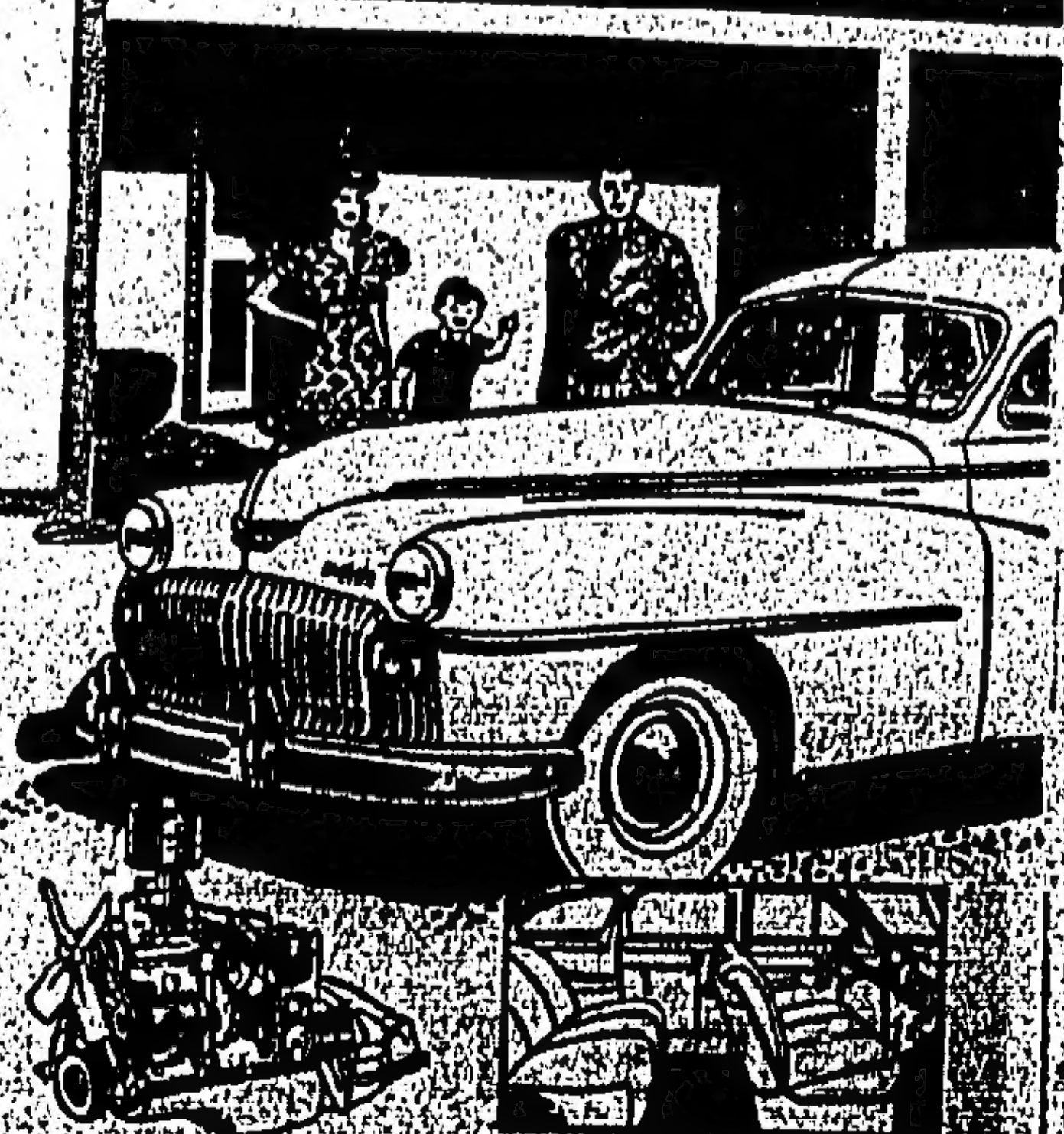
At the end of your leave, Ford Motor Company of England again comes to your aid by taking delivery of your car, checking it thoroughly, preparing it for shipment either boxed or unboxed at your option (small extra charge for boxing) and loading it on board a steamer for shipment back to Hong Kong. Freight and insurance charges from England to Hong Kong must be paid by you, of course. At this end Harper & Shea take delivery, again check the vehicle thoroughly, look after such details as local licensing, etc. and deliver your car to you in tip-top shape ready for your use in Hong Kong.

According to information available here, the price at which the Ford "Prefect" is delivered under this plan at Regent Street, London, is the regular London retail price and is not inflated as is the case with many other "home leave" plans. The car is delivered to you in tip-top shape ready for your use in Hong Kong.

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DON'T forget to see that your driving seat is secure and correctly adjusted. Driver's heights vary considerably and to obtain a full road view and complete control of the vehicle, the driving seat must be correctly positioned for individual requirements.

DON'T forget to watch for signals from the car in front and remember that "tailing" another car too closely is asking for trouble.

DON'T forget to keep to your own side of the road when going round the Colony's many tortuous bends. Only too frequently drivers rely on a long foot from their horns to relieve them of responsibility when going round a "blind" corner.

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS: Continued From Page Eight

CITY HEATING

London, July 24. Medical officers found under buildings and roadways in London after the blitz, will be utilized to hold future mains for a central heating scheme planned for the new shopping district and the business and amusement centres of the war-devastated city, the City Surveyor, Mr. E. H. Ford, stated today.

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Working Stresses In Engine Design

One of the many problems which beset the designer, is concerned with the particular dimensions of or weight of metal that shall be put into a component in order that it will not fail in service. It is usual to compute such figures by mathematics, but even so, many components are made of unnecessary size and weight for the working stresses that they have to withstand, in order to provide a so-called factor of safety.

In some cases components fail because the designer may have under-estimated the maximum stress imposed on the part, or his calculations may have been at fault. In connection with this vital part of design, the British firm Messrs. David Brown and Sons of Huddersfield, have evolved and built what is known as a Polariscope. This instrument enables the distribution of stresses throughout a loaded object to be observed. The principle of passing polarized light through a transparent model is not, of course, new, but its development is of comparatively recent origin.

The Polariscope, we understand, lends itself admirably to the study of stress concentrations in gear teeth, and the determination of the most suitable tooth proportions for optimum strength. Remembering that light travels in wave form, a beam of ordinary white or monochromatic light can be imagined as a series of vibrations in any number of directions, across the path of the beam.

It is possible to dampen or to eliminate all vibrations except those parallel with one plane, when the light is said to be plane-polarized. If this type of light be passed into models made of suitable transparent plastic material, such as glycol polymer or phenol-formaldehyde resin, it splits into two rays vibrating in the direction of the principal stresses, but at different velocities. This phenomenon is known as double refraction.

When these two light components, after emerging from the model, are recombined by passing the light through an analyzer, interference takes place. If they be out of phase, an image of the model, when projected on to a screen will reveal this interference as a series of brightly coloured lines intersecting the image.

The extent to which the two light components are out of phase at any point in the model depends on the amount of retardation.

tion of each of the two at that point, and this, in turn, is governed by the magnitude of the two principal stresses at that point. In the instrument made by the David Brown research department in Britain, the polarizer and analyzer are almost identical in design, each consisting of a 6 in diameter sheet of polaroid, and a mica quarter-wave plate mounted in circular holders. Each can be rotated through 360 degrees.

The two condensing lenses are each of 12 in focal length. Illumination is by a 250 watt mercury vapour lamp mounted in a lamp-house, having an adapter to carry the filter that is necessary when monochromatic light is required.

CORRESPONDENCE

Defence Of Kowloon Beacons

Sir,—Having read with interest your motoring page during the past few weeks, I was rather surprised to note in last Saturday's issue your correspondent's derogatory remarks about Kowloon's traffic beacons.

Many real drivers have commented very favourably on these, particularly on the point of visibility as well as appearance.

Writing as a motorist, I personally find them an excellent guide. They can be readily seen at full driving range, they do not dazzle and they give adequate lighting to the whole of the refuge island on which they are placed.

This latter point is of great importance in that many of these islands are used by children and adults taking the evening air.

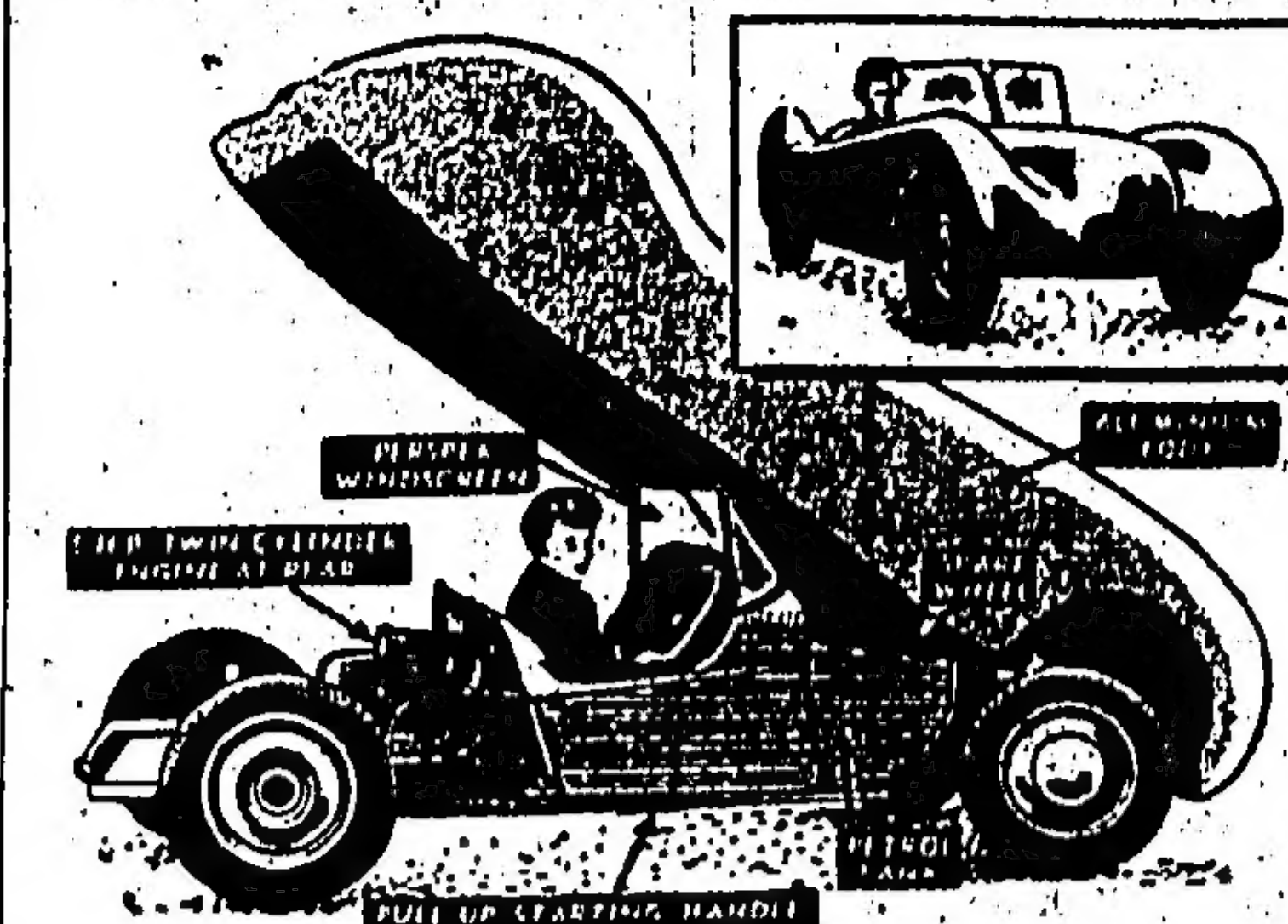
Your correspondent's fears regarding the effect of a beacon failing, when struck by a motor vehicle are entirely unfounded, as the design is such, that when struck the main body of the beacon disintegrates, leaving the canopy supported on a length of light steel tubing.

Might I ask what happens to the poor pedestrian when the careless or incompetent motorist careens blithely over one of the new lights which your correspondent so glibly favours.

I personally viewed one of these new lights both during the day and at night and offer the following criticisms:—

- They are invisible when pedestrians stand between them and oncoming traffic, a regular occurrence near the Gloucester.
- Motorists of any repute do not drive with their eyes at kerb level, particularly when approaching tram stops.
- Unless one is particularly looking for the new lights they are not readily visible, bearing in mind the many distracting lights, crowds of pedestrians, etc.
- Owing to the low level of the fittings, the glassware will soon become filthy and will require constant cleaning.

A HOME-MADE CAR MADE GOOD



THE LPC 500 was built for fun by Charles Cooper and his son John at their home in Surbiton, Surrey. It is a 5 hp car, does 55 miles to the gallon and is capable of 70 miles an hour, more with a pepped up engine. The streamlined body is a complete shell, which, hinged on the front, lifts from the back. Any motor cycle engine can be adapted to fit the car. Each of the four wheels is independently sprung. Because of material shortages the Coopers do not intend to put their hobby car into mass production just now, but think that, with modern production methods, it could be marketed at less than £250.

Today's Licence Fees For Motor Vehicles

Altogether there are 6,000 vehicles registered today in the Colony. Here are the licensing fees for motor vehicles:—

Vehicle	Fee	Date when licence renewable
(c) Private motor car, in weight—	Dollars	
(i) not over 15 cwt.	54	1st July
(ii) over 15 cwt. but not over 20 cwt.	72	—do—
(iii) " 20 " " " 25 "	90	—do—
(iv) " 25 " " " 30 "	108	—do—
(v) " 30 " " " 40 "	144	—do—
(vi) " 40 cwt.	180	—do—
(f) Commercial motor vehicle completely fitted with pneumatic tyres and in weight—		
(i) not over 15 cwt.	54	—do—
(ii) over 15 cwt. but not over 20 cwt.	90	—do—
(iii) " 20 " " " 25 "	135	—do—
(iv) " 25 " " " 30 "	180	—do—
(v) " 30 " " " 40 "	270	—do—
(vi) " 40 cwt.	360	—do—
(g) Any other commercial motor vehicle, in weight—		
(i) over 15 cwt. but not over 50 cwt.	45	—do—
(ii) " 50 " " " 80 "	0	—do—

London Traffic: Bold New Planning

Town plans arrive thick and fast these days, something for which we can thank Hitler or condemn him, according to our tastes. The majority of such plans are scanned by the motorist with little more than academic interest, for which he can hardly be blamed, as the

suggested street layouts fully justify the use of that much overworked phrase "long-term."

The City of London plan, however, is of more than cursory interest to the layman, and particularly to the motorist, for the City presents perhaps the worst traffic problem in the world. Its streets are narrow, irregular, and priceless, in that they are bordered by buildings of quite extraordinary historical merit. Consequently the planners have had a hard task reconciling all the different ends. They may not even have done so; only time can prove that, but study of the plan shows that they have at least made a bold effort to meet the demands of traffic.

Several new streets are suggested, as might be expected, and much careful thought has been given to taking full advantage of the views of St. Paul's Cathedral opened up by bombing. It is this feature of the plan that perhaps commends it most heartily, for the Cathedral occupies a firm place in the affections of every Englishman, Londoner or not.

The flyover appears in a noteworthy instance, a new low-level street being proposed over which Cheapside will be carried. Perhaps more accurately, but not more attractively, it is termed an underpass; but however it is named it will be welcome, for it is a form of construction of great promise.

There is no lack of boldness about the plan. Indeed, it is so bold in some instances as to raise the question, "Is all this really necessary?" It moves a station or two, and even the Mansion House. Nor does it stop there, for it suggests the removal of Blackfriars Bridge. This seems to strike the London motorist a blow, for the wide artery that at present exists over the river is one of the best of London's bridges for making a quick crossing, and its effectiveness will take some replacing. In turning the railway bridge alongside into a road bridge it is to be hoped that some attempt will be made to meet this challenge.

Ford Revives Home Leave Delivery Plan

(Continued from Page 8.)

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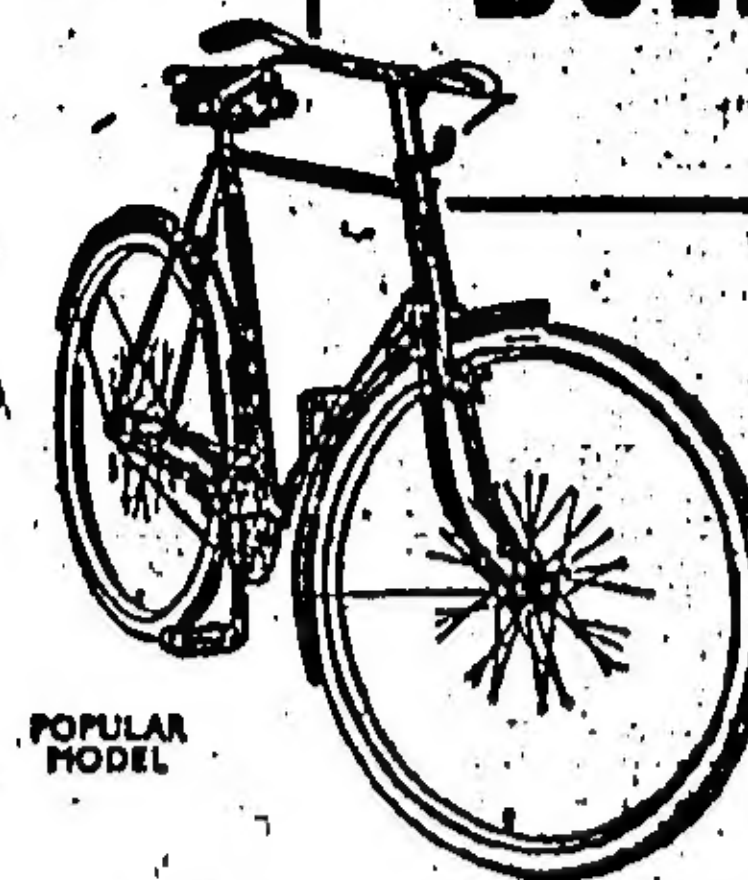
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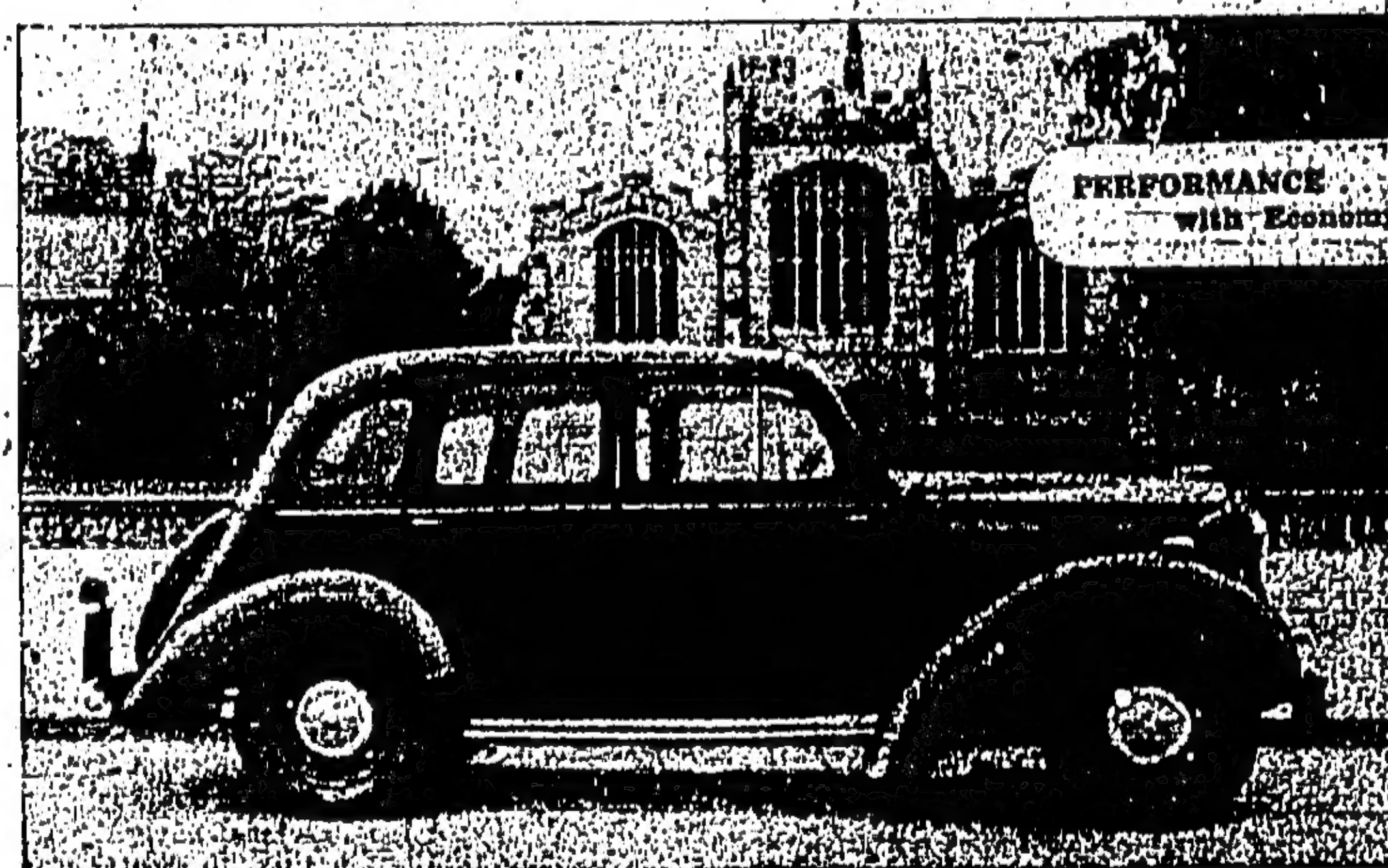
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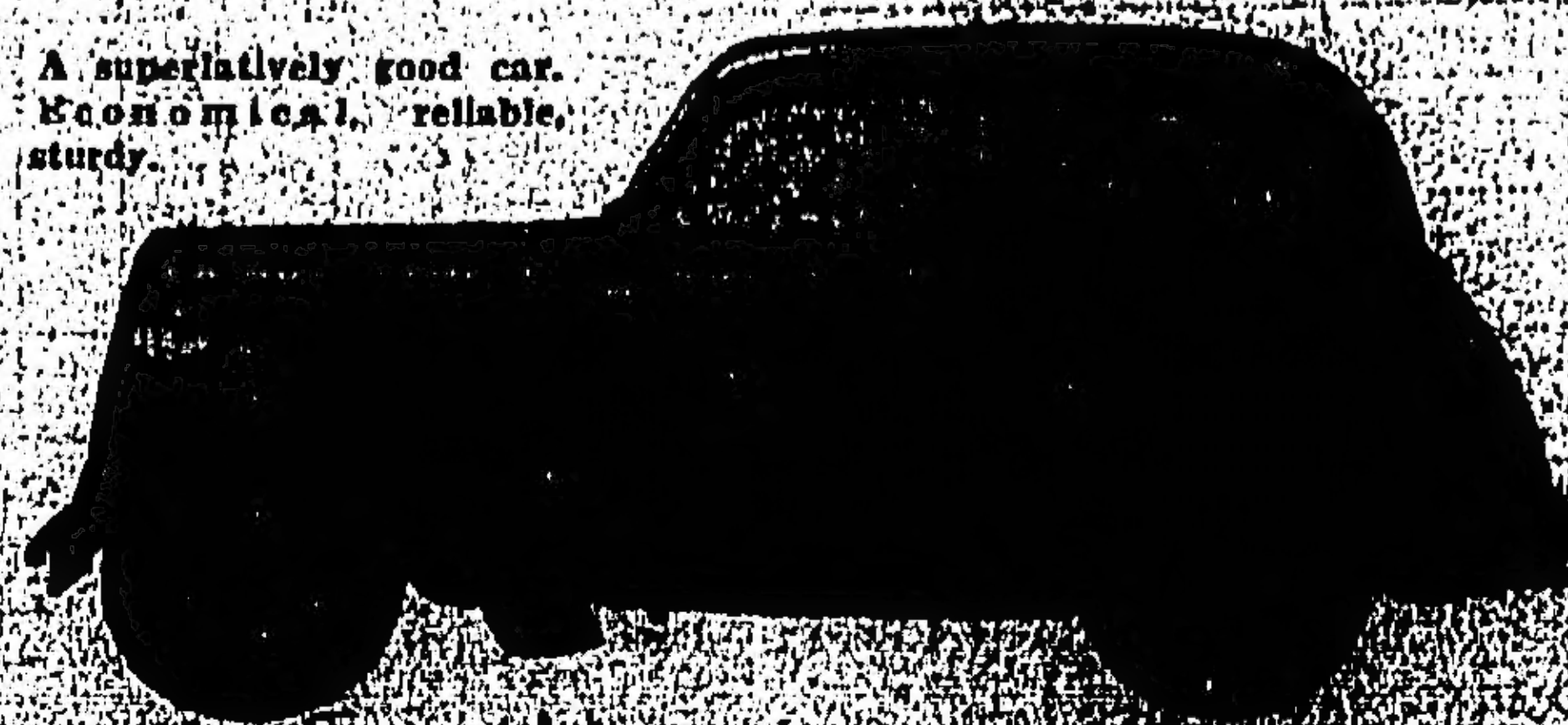
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New York, July 25.

A large batch of cheering dividends and earnings touched off relatively heavy short covering and investment demand in the stock market. Industrial average reached the top since last August, dealings were fastest in two weeks and gains ranged from one to four per cent. Transfers around 1,600,000 shares.

Bidding was attributed partly to inflationary psychology and broadening business optimism. Gainers included Union Pacific, Chile Copper, International Silver, Cudahy, Texas Company, Allied Chemical, Santa Fe, Crucible Steel Pillsbury mills.

Stock Averages:

Dow Jones	186.83;
20 Industrials	180.83;
Flint Hills	10.93;
10 Utilities	35.84.

Closing quotations:—

Adams Express	17,
Alaska	Juneau 54,
American Can	94,
American Smelting	63½,
American Telephone	157¼,
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American Water-works	17½,
Anacostia Copper	17,
Aviation Corp.	5¼,
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The list of authorized and temporary depositors is very wide including all stock-brokers and solicitors, so that bearer securities will be able to pass about the markets in the normal way.

Trading Date

It is understood that the Bank of England later today will notify the future date after which business will again be allowed to trade normally in United States and Swedish dollars. It is certain other continental securities and switch from one United States or continental security to another (but the switch must always be in the same currency) thus not from U.S. dollars to Canadian dollar security).

After the resumption of such dealing which have been prohibited since the outbreak of war, the London prices of U.S. securities are likely to command high premiums over Wall Street prices. This may be bullish for Wall Street.—Reuter.

New York, July 24.
Now that the United States, Britain, Mexico and the Philippines have contributed to the stoppage of private sales of foreign gold at prices above the monetary parities, a new phase is entering the picture which may "upset the applecart."

A leading domestic refiner told Reuters that discussions were held in Washington yesterday with United States Government officials in connection with private sales of foreign oil at prices above the monetary parities and that the United States Government spokesman concluded that the Government, under the existing legislation, could not legally prohibit any such sales.

This means that aside from the United States Government's recent "request" for all American interests concerned to refrain from participating in such sales, there is really nothing now, except that banks under pressure from the Federal Reserve System will probably continue to refrain from participating in such business.

"This situation implies that we will probably again have to start from scratch," a bullion dealer said.

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London, July 25.
Treasury sources said today there was "no indication" that devaluation of the pound was in prospect, although rumours of such action were frequent and the economic condition put added pressure on the sterling-dollar exchange.
"Before" variation in the par value of currency within the 10 per cent limit is allowed all other members of the Bretton Woods conference have to be so informed and there is nothing to show this has been done or proposed," a spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Washington, July 25.

The census bureau reported to-day that May exports to Asia, Australia, Oceania, Zealand, New Zealand, New Guinea and Africa set a new post-war high, totalling \$306,800,000, and topping April by 25 per cent.

This rise in shipments to the United areas contributed materially to the lifting of total United States exports in May to a record high of \$1,422,000,000.

Exports to Asia at \$189,400,000 were 21 per cent above April, although only two per cent higher than March.

All principal Asiatic countries showed definite gains.

China registered the largest increase with a value of \$1,400,000 compared with the April total of \$26,200,000.

Shipments from Australia and Oceania declined as they did from most countries.

But imports from Asia increased from \$80,200,000 in April to \$101,000,000 in May on the strength of higher shipments of crude rubber from British Malaya.

China shipments to this country also rose.—Associated Press.

London, July 24.
The Financial Times claims Britain has ceased drawing on Canada's \$1,250,000,000 postwar credit in order to ease Canada's shortage of United States dollars.

Discussing the reasons for Britain's heavy drawings on American dollar credit during July, the "Financial Times" suggests:

"It may have been overlooked, perhaps, that drawings on the Canadian credit have ceased. Is it unfair to assume that we have been giving some assistance to the Canadians in the matter of United States dollars? The Canadians have said that their position was likely to be eased."

British withdrawals of Canadian credit to date total approximately \$80,000,000 (Canadian currency), but Whitehall and Treasury officials refuse information either on the total withdrawn or the dates of withdrawals, stating that neither the Canadian nor the British Governments wish to publicise the workings of the Canadian credit agreement. — United Press.

Manila, July 25.
There is a decided lack of interest on the part of local businessmen toward resumption of trade with Japan under the Inter-Allied Trade Board plan; according to the Bulletin today.
The newspaper attributed this apathy to the antipathy of the Japanese which exists among Filipinos.
The Malacanang said that even though the Philippines has been allotted six businessmen, not a single application has been received by the government. However, the government will send one man and hoped that the other five will come from private business.—United Press

The week's trading opened on moderate lines and gained momentum. Buyers enquiries were inclined to be confined to the chief favourites, though practically no special attention during the week. Profit-taking was indulged in towards the close and with a few exceptions, this has temporarily arrested the upward trend. Comparison of Monday's prices with those at the close of today show a general all-round advance.

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HK. Football Club's Annual Meeting

A very successful year was reported at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Football Club yesterday, presided over by Mr. J. Skinner in the absence of Mr. A. Morse, who was unavoidably absent owing to the arrival of H.E. the Governor.

Mr. Skinner said that he felt sure that all present would agree that reconditioning of the Clubhouse was most satisfactory. But the efforts of the members

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Kure, July 25

the Minister Herbert V. that "Australia has a commensurate with the confidence of its forces" in a treaty

nouncement. He made it plain that his trip was for the purpose of a personal observation of the Japanese occupation in

order to report conditions to the Commonwealth Ministers' Conference at Canberra in the latter part of August.

"Australia would like to see the tournament held in Australia. We hope that the Triangular Tournament would again be played this season and though the trophy had been looted, he felt sure that a replica would be forthcoming from members.

The Bowls Green had recently been re-laid and it was hoped that friendly games would be played in the cooler weather.

that the Club could look forward to another successful year and to further improvement, both in the Clubhouse and the playing areas. The Committee had had plans for the improvement of the Clubhouse and the playing areas for some time, but they had not been able to carry them out. The Committee had had plans for the improvement of the Clubhouse and the playing areas for some time, but they had not been able to carry them out.

Evatt evidenced much interest in the progress of the occupation and questioned correspondents closely. He said the purpose of his visit was the improvement of the playing pitch, but these had to be abandoned until such time as the plans of the Civil Service Club were known.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. Morse; Vice-President, Mr. W.M. Thomson; Chairman, Mr. J. Skinner; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J.

also undertake the constructive reform of their political, social and economic structure.

recognition by the world will depend largely upon the energy, sincerity and success with which the Japanese people achieve these aims."

Evatt was met by W. MacMahon-Ball, Australian, who represents the British Commonwealth on the Allied Four Power Council, and Lt. Gen. Mansell and Mr. J.S. Howell. It was decided that a Memorial Plaque should be erected in the Club to the memory of all members who had died during the war.

MONEY MART
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bombed Hiroshima and British installations in Kure and nearby towns. He will proceed by special train to Osaka where he will board General MacArthur's

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8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
 8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
 8.15 p.m.—Studio: "The Penketh Coat". A short story by Neil Munro, read by Mrs. M. A. Lo.

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